

making detailed investigations into the present and potential capacity of the existing electrical industry, the exact requirements of heavy equipment, and the extent to which they can be met by current production and its expansion, taking into account the unused capacity available in Government establishments and workshops including the State Workshops etc. These investigations are likely to be completed only by about the end of this year by a Committee of experts which has been constituted for the purpose. It is only after the Committee's report is received, Government can take a decision on several aspects of the Project in the light of the recommendations of the Committee. It is not likely, therefore, that more than two crores of Rupees can be spent during the period of the First Five Year Plan.

FOUNTAIN PENS

*298. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual demand in the country for fountain pens; and

(b) the steps that have been taken to manufacture the entire requirements of the country?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) About 5 million pieces per annum.

(b) There is already adequate capacity in the country for cheap and medium-priced fountain pens. As regards manufacture of superior grade pens, Government have already sanctioned two schemes which are now being implemented. Another proposal received for setting up manufacture of high quality fountain pens is under consideration.

JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS

*299. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further developments have taken place with regard to

India's exclusion from and Pakistan's inclusion in the clemency proceeding in respect of the Japanese War Criminals of which the Government of India took a serious view in May 1954; and

(b) if so, their nature?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). No further developments have taken place in the matter.

HAND PRINTED TEXTILES

*302. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Mobile Exhibition of Hand Printed Textiles has been organised by the All-India Handicrafts Board;

(b) the number of States that it has visited; and

(c) how far it has helped in the development of the handicrafts in the States?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bombay, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad.

(c) It is too early to assess the effect of the exhibition on the development of handicrafts.

ATOMIC ENERGY

*303. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of universities in India which have introduced special courses of study on atomic energy; and

(b) the facilities that are given to them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). So