

Air Ports Nepal

*2182. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the names of all-weather air ports constructed by the Government of India in Nepal ;

(b) the cost of construction ;

(c) whether Government propose to construct some more air ports in Nepal ; and

(d) if so, the names of the places where they will be constructed ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) to (d). The Government of India have recently completed the metalling of the landing strip at Kathmandu Gauchar airfield at a cost of approximately Rs. 25/- lakhs. The Government of India are discussing with the Government of Nepal certain improvements in the existing airfields at Simra, Baihrawa, Biratnagar and Pokhra.

**D.A.V. College Refugee Camp
Lahore**

*2183. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Hindu and Sikh displaced persons at present lodged in the D. A. V. College Refugee Camp, Lahore who are awaiting repatriation to India ;

(b) since when these people are staying in that camp ; and

(c) the difficulties in the way of their repatriation ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) and (b). There were 245 persons in the Camp awaiting repatriation to India on the 1st September 1955. A majority of those persons have been in the Camp since January 1955.

(c) The main difficulty in the expeditious repatriation of these persons is the delay by Pakistan police authorities in granting Clearance Certificates to them.

Iron and Steel

*2184. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any rise in the consumption of iron and steel in ~~the country during the year 1954 and~~

(b) if so, to what extent ?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Consumption on the basis of demands received for controlled categories of steel has increased from 1.5 million tons in 1954 to roughly about 2 million ton in 1955.

Foreign Awards

*2185. **Shri Kamath :** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing :

(a) the names of Indian citizens who have received foreign awards, citations and decorations since the 26th January, 1950 ; and

(b) the description of each of the awards and decorations that have been awarded to them ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 7].

Displaced Persons Market at Shahdara

*2186. **Shri Radha Raman :** Will the **Minister of Rehabilitation** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted a proposal of the Delhi State Government for the construction of a displaced person's market at Shahdara ;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal ;

(c) when it will materialise ; and

(d) the approximate expenditure involved therein ?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle) : (a) Yes.

(b) It is proposed to acquire 4,500 square yards of land in Shahdara town for the purpose of constructing a market.

(c) It is difficult to specify the time the proposal will take to materialise, but it can be said that the work will start soon after the land has been acquired by the Delhi State Government and handed over to the C. P. W. D.

(d) The estimates indicating the approximate expenditure involved have not been worked out so far.