

preference for employment in the Rourkela Steel Factories even after the completion of the construction work;

(b) whether they will be given preference in getting such training in trades as may fit them for work in the factory; and

(c) whether a list of such displaced persons and their dependants will be maintained for future reference?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As far as is possible.

(c) Such a list is already being maintained by Hindustan Steel Limited.

Cottage and Village Industries

*2371. **Shri Ramananda Das :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Cottage and Village Industries Shoe-making and Tanning of Leather are facing a crisis, being unable to compete with the big industries like Bata, Flex and other similar industries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to revive the Cottage Industry?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, the cottage and small sector of the leather footwear and tanning industries are at a disadvantage, despite the fact that by far, the greater percentage of production is in this sector. This is due mainly to inferior technique employed and difficulties in marketing.

(b) The position is kept under constant review; and financial and technical assistance is provided for development and improvement of production in the village sector.

"C.A.R.E."

*2376. { **Shri M. R. Krishna :**
Shri B. C. Das :

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Food Packages, Ghee and milk powder in large quantities are being distributed by an American Association known as "C.A.R.E." to the poor people in India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): Yes,

Second Five Year Plan

*2377. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has assessed the requirements of administrative and technical personnel for the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) the steps being taken to train the required personnel;

(c) whether any changes are contemplated in the administrative set up; and

(d) if so, the nature and extent of the changes proposed?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) The assessment is in progress.

(b) Some states are expanding their administrative cadres in anticipation of requirements under the Second Five Year Plan.

As a result of steps taken in the first Five Year Plan there has been some increase in the output of technical personnel (Engineering).

State Governments have schemes for increasing accommodation in technical institutions during the Second Plan period.

(c) and (d). The matter is under consideration.

Mica Export Promotion Council

*2378. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1046 on the 16th March, 1955 and state:

(a) the recommendations of the Mica Advisory Committee in regard to the setting up of an Export Promotion Council for Mica;

(b) when the Council is proposed to be set up; and

(c) the names of its personnel?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) At its meetings held at Trivandrum on the 25th and 26th March, 1955, the Mica Advisory Committee unanimously decided to recommend to Government that an Export Promotion Council for Mica be set up.

(b) It is expected that the Council would come into being before the end of this year.

(c) The personnel of the Council has not yet been settled.