

to the delay in setting up the factory and the causes and responsibility therefor are under examination and Government's comments are expected to be furnished to the Committee shortly.

Engineering Personnel for Second Five Year Plan

*481. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether Government have assessed the total requirements of engineers in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): The assessment is being made.

Sindri Fertilizers

*482. { **Shri Gidwanji:**
Shri Tulsidas:

Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee in their Thirteenth Report has pointed out that the present system of distribution of fertilizers produced by Sindri Fertilizer Factory is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, whether the system is proposed to be changed?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The Estimates Committee have only suggested certain measures for improving the existing system of distribution. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture who are responsible for distribution are taking suitable steps to effect necessary improvements in the light of these suggestions.

Uranium Deposits

*483. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri V. P. Nayyar:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the place where Uranium deposits have been found in Travancore-Cochin;

(b) the quantity of Uranium found; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to find out this mineral in large quantities?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Uranium has been found as a minor constituent of the mineral monazite at several places along the Travancore-Cochin beach.

(b) All the Uranium has been extracted from the monazite sands treated so far, and a few tons are in stock.

(c) Active prospecting work by the geologists of the Department of Atomic Energy is going on with a view to locating workable concentrations of Uranium.

Nuclear Science and Engineering

*484. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has deputed any students to the new School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at Argonne in U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the number of such students and the period and conditions of their training?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) One. The course is of seven months duration and the person deputed for this training will serve the Atomic Energy Establishment for a period of at least three years on his return to India.

Trade with Pakistan.

*171. **Shrimati Maydeo:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of imports from and exports to Pakistan carried on at Government to Government level during 1955; and

(b) the balance of trade and balance of payments position between the two countries so far during 1955?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Trade between India and Pakistan takes place through normal commercial channels and not on Government to Government basis.

(b) A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 45].

Refractory Industry

*188. **Shrimati Maydeo:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present productive capacity of refractory industry in India;

(b) whether the capacity is expected to rise by 1960-61; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 3,29,410 tons per annum.