

makes a proposal we shall be happy to consider it.

**Shri Bansal:** May I know what is the total gross production per month in value and if it is a fact that this factory is able to meet its expenditure from its finances?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The installed capacity, I am told, is (for this factory) roughly 125 gross match boxes per day. Regarding the actual production I should like to have notice because that information is not available.

**Shrimati Jayashri:** May I know how many women are working here and whether work is distributed in their homes?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I said that 190 women are working in the factory—90 in the factory and 100 in homes at Ramesh Nagar and West Patel Nagar.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** How does the price of the match box manufactured here compare with the price of those manufactured on a large scale?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There has been no difficulty to sell. But later on when production increases the sale would have to be organised. At present they have made arrangements with private parties for sale of matches.

**An hon. Member:** How does it compare with the price of other matches? That is the question.

**Shri Karmarkar:** We get them here at three pice and one anna. This will come to 2½ annas.

**Shri Dabhi:** Are there any accumulation of stock of manufactured match boxes?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There has been no complaint of accumulation and we are thinking of increasing the capacity.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### उद्योग व्यापार पत्रिका

\*७२०. श्री एम० एस० द्विवेदी : क्या बलिष्ठ प्रौर उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की ट्पा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दी मासिक "उद्योग व्यापार पत्रिका" में प्रधिकांश सामग्री वही होती है जो कि अंग्रेजी मासिक जनरल आफ इंडस्ट्रीज एण्ड ट्रेड" में दी गई होती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस पत्रिका को मूल रूप में प्रकाशित करने के लिये प्रबन्ध किया जा रहा है ?

बालिष्ठ मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) :

(क) जी, नहीं। लेकिन वह एक ह्द तक अंग्रेजी के अपने सहयोगी मासिक के नमूने के अनुसार ही चलती है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

### Ganga River Commission

\*733. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ganga River Commission has suggested that a road and railway bridges committee be appointed to examine in detail the question of inadequate waterways under the railways; and

(b) if so, what steps, have so far been taken in this connection?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir, The Ganga River Commission suggested the formation of State-wise Road Bridges Committees and region-wise Railway Bridges Committees in U.P., Bihar and West Bengal.

(b) The recommendations of the Ganga River Commission have been approved by the Central Flood Control Board and the authorities concerned have been addressed in the matter. The Committees will be set up shortly.

### Aluminium Structures

{ **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:**  
\*736. **Shri S. K. Razmi:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the possibility of using Aluminium structurals in place of steel structurals;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) the extent to which such substitution can be carried out?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) to (c). Government are aware of the possibility of using aluminium for structural work in place of steel. This question and the extent to which such substitution can be effectively carried out will be *inter alia* examined by the Committee

of experts set up recently for the Aluminium Industry. The Committee's report is awaited. But it has to be remembered that price differential is such that a substitution cannot be easily effected.

### Atomic Reactor

\*737. { Shri Gopala Rao:  
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada has agreed to supply Atomic Reactor to India; and

(b) if so, under what terms and conditions?

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

(b) The Reactor which will be of the NRX type, has been offered to India by Canada under the Colombo Plan. The total cost of the Reactor, including all the auxiliary installations, will be approximately \$14 million or Rs. 7 crores, out of which Canada has undertaken a firm commitment of \$7 million. The Canadian Government have further generously indicated that if the external costs of the Reactor exceed \$7 million, they will be prepared to meet this expenditure. India has undertaken a commitment of Rs. 3 crores and if the internal costs exceed Rs. 3 crores, then the additional expenditure could be met by the Government of India out of counter-part funds under the Colombo Plan.

### Diesel Engines

\*741. Shri B. D. Shastri: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of Diesel Engines of Road Vehicular type imported during the period from January to October, 1955;

(b) whether all these imports have been from soft currency areas;

(c) whether it is a fact that importers have been experiencing difficulties to get their supplies from soft currency areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Statistics regarding the import of Diesel Engines of Road Vehicular type are not available, as they are not recorded separately.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) licence holders have been given the option to have their soft currency licences validated for import from dollar area.

### Planning Commission

\*742. Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in the social service wing of the Planning Commission;

(b) how many of them possess a post-graduate or diploma in social work or social sciences; and

(c) how many among the degree or diploma holders are on executive and administrative posts?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Presumably the Honourable Member refers to the Social Welfare Section of the Planning Commission. This Section has fourteen technical officers and five Secretariat Staff.

(b) Seven technical officers.

(c) There are no executive or administrative posts in the Social Welfare Section.

### All India Khadi and Village Industries Board

\*747. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:  
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:  
Shri Asthana:

Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the details of the budget of the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board for 1955-56?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 43].

### Coal Mines in Mohpani

\*421. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the second and third decades of this century, a coal mine was working in Mohpani, Gotitoria (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) who used to work it;

(c) why it was closed down;

(d) whether the coal seams are rich in quality as well as quantity;

(e) whether Government propose to revive the mine; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?