

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?