

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) Information as to the names and number of such villages is not available with the Government of India but according to rough estimates, about 46,000 acres of territory which belongs to India under the Radcliffe Award lie on the Pakistani side of the Ravi and the Sutlej.

(b) Soon after Partition, the Area Commanders of the two countries reached an informal agreement to treat the two rivers (except where they were bridged) as the *de facto* boundaries, pending final demarcation of the boundary. Since then this Agreement has formed the basis of the *status quo*. Consequently, Pakistan is in control of most of the Indian areas on the other side of the rivers and *vice versa*.

(c) and (d) : Exact information is not available. Some of the inhabitants of Indian villages lying on the Pakistani side of the rivers must have crossed over to the Indian side soon after Partition.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether any step towards help or rehabilitation of these villages has been taken?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : We do not even know whether any person has crossed over. There is no question of rehabilitation or anything.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIAN EXHIBITION IN GOLD COAST

***1928. Shri Wodeyar :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to arrange shortly a wholly Indian Exhibition in the Gold Coast;

(b) if so, the number of other places to which this exhibition will move; and

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(c) the object of the exhibition?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exhibition will be moved to one more place, namely, Lagos in Nigeria.

(c) The object is to promote export trade by means of visual commercial publicity for exportable manufactured goods particularly cotton and silk textiles, handicrafts and products of small scale industries.

ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIES RESEARCH INSTITUTES

***1929. { Shri Sivamurthi Swami :
Shri Brajeshwar Prasad :**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to establish an Institute of Economic and Industries Research; and

(b) if so, whether foreign aid is sought for the establishment of this Institute?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) and (b) . Government are not planning to establish an institute of this nature. It is understood that a privately sponsored institute on these lines is likely to be established in the near future.

BORDER INCIDENTS

***1932. Shri M. Islamuddin :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 555 on the 15th December, 1955 regarding the shooting of an Indian National by Pakistan police near Purnea (Bihar) border in November, 1953 and state:

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan have since considered the report submitted to them by their representatives; and

(b) if so, the final decisions arrived at in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) and (b). The matter is still pending with the Gov-