

(b) if so, the nature and extent of the assistance ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) and (b). A scheme received from the Punjab Government for imparting training in *Phulkari* work is under consideration.

NEPA NEWSPRINT FACTORY

*937. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether any annual subsidy is given by the Centre to the Nepa Newsprint factory (Madhya Pradesh) ;

(b) whether the factory has started producing its rated capacity of newsprint; and

(c) the total production of the newsprint in this factory during 1955?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

(c) 2,606 tons on a trial production basis.

COMMUNITY RADIO SETS

*939. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the progress made so far in the scheme of distributing Community Radio sets in the rural areas?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): 1,220 sets were supplied to State Governments during 1954-55. For the year 1955-56 orders have been placed for 14,169 sets and deliveries are in progress. During 1956-57 it is proposed to order and supply 12,000 sets.

EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS

*945. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Shri R. K. Gupta:
Shri M. Islamuddin:

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

(a) whether any of the Export Promotion Councils have opened offices in foreign markets; and

(b) if so, which Councils and in which countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. Only one Council so far.

(b) The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has opened offices at Singapore and Baghdad.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

523. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the salient features as revealed from Socio-economic Survey of the city of Calcutta or any other city ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): The survey of Calcutta is still in progress. An interim report covering a part of the survey has been received in the Planning Commission. The salient features or conclusions of this survey as well as of other surveys will be available in the reports when published.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

524. **Shri R. K. Gupta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether District Development Committees have been set up in the State of Pepsu; and

(b) if so, the names of those Districts

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In all Districts.

BHILAI STEEL PLANT

525. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state :

(a) whether tenders have recently been invited for the supply of tractors and bulldozers for the Bhilai Steel Project, Madhya Pradesh ;