

Export Promotion Councils

*1510. **Shri M. Islamuddin** : Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the commodities for which Government propose to set up Export Promotion Councils during the year ?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Kar-markar): (i) Mica.

(ii) Shellac.

(iii) Leather and Leather goods, and

(iv) Sports goods.

Embankments on Kosi

*1511. **Shri L. N. Mishra** : Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state the area and population that have been protected from floods by the embankments that have been constructed on the two sides of river Kosi so far ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : Areas protected are:

Entire Purnea district;
four-fifths of Saharsa district; and
one-half of the Kosi affected area in
Darbhanga district.

Population protected is about 15 lakhs.

Orphanunge Market, Kidderpur

*1514. **Shri A. K. Dutt** : Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Orphanunge Market at Kidderpur in Calcutta, is not properly managed and is kept in very insanitary condition;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the tenants and vendors of that market have submitted a representation against the Superintendent of that market; and

(c) if so what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar) : (a) On the contrary, Sir, I think the market is being managed reasonably well and its sanitary conditions are as good as can be expected in a multi-purpose market of this nature.

(b) and (c). Such representations as have been received have been gone into and I cannot help feeling that they are prompted by the resentment felt by the tenants and vendors at the attempts made by the Superintendent to secure compliance with the rules.

Explosion at Noamandi

*1515. **Shri P. C. Bose** : Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 808 on the 7th August, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the report of enquiry into the cause of explosion in the Magazine of the Tata's Iron Ore Mine at Noamandi that took place on the 15th July, 1956, has been received by Government;

(b) the findings and recommendations of the report; and

(c) the action taken so far ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar) : (a) No, Sir. Certain important witnesses are still in Hospital and cannot yet be examined. The enquiry is therefore not yet completed.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Giridih Collieries

*1516. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao** : Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2 on the 16th July, 1956 and state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the finalisation of the examination of the report of the 'Experts Committee' appointed to go into the economic working of the Giridih collieries; and

(b) whether Government propose to lay a copy of the same on the Table of the Sabha ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy) : (a) The report required detailed examination from the technical, financial and conservation aspects, involving decisions on important matters of policy. The examination of the report has since been finalised and the orders of Government have been issued.

(b) Copies of the report have been placed already in the Library of the Parliament. A summary of the recommendations and the decisions of the Government thereon is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 12].

Handlooms and Powerlooms

*1517. { **Shri Hem Raj** ;
 Shri Ram Krishan :

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

(a) the number of handlooms and powerlooms working in the Punjab from 1952 to 1956 year-wise;