

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) Yes.

(b) There is a need for a large number of technical personnel to implement extensive developmental programmes involving an expenditure of Rs. 75 lakh on agriculture, Rs. 83 lakh on community development, Rs. 15 lakh on small scale industries and Rs. 30 lakh on power projects during the Third Five Year Plan.

(c) Following are some of the measures taken to attract technical personnel for Nagaland;

- (i) Attractive allowances have been sanctioned for posts in Nagaland.
- (ii) The UPSC have waived their jurisdiction over posts in Nagaland and the Nagaland Administration have been delegated powers to make appointments to all posts other than Class I without reference to the Government of India. This ensures speedy recruitment of technical personnel.
- (iii) Arrangements have been made for reservation of seats for Naga students in technical institutions.
- (iv) Scholarships and stipends on a liberal scale are being given to Naga students for courses in Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Forest Management and other technical subjects.
- (v) Three of the existing institutions in Nagaland are being converted into Polytechnics for meeting the demand of technicians in various crafts.

Tiruchhirapalli Radio Programmes

242. **Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints or suggestions have been received to improve

the items of Tamil programmes of the Tiruchhirapalli Radio Station;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve them;

(c) in what way the announcement in English in the morning of the day's programme is found necessary; and

(d) how are the members of the Programme Advisory Committee chosen?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):

(a) and (b). No specific complaints or suggestions to improve the Tamil programmes from the Tiruchhirapalli Station have been received. There are, however, the normal letters from listeners which are attended to promptly and replied.

(c) Local announcements in English concerning the days' programmes in the morning transmission of the Station are broadcast in addition to similar announcements in Tamil, keeping in view the cosmopolitan character of listeners and the variety of programmes broadcast from the Station, including the large number of English programmes.

(d) The members of Programme Advisory Committees attached to A.I.R. Stations are selected from amongst persons who are considered eminent in various walks of life, more especially those connected with cultural activities, and who are known to be interested in broadcast and are considered capable of making useful suggestions for the improvement of various types of programmes broadcast by the Stations. The members are appointed in an honorary capacity.

Cardamom Industry

243. **Shri Kappen:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that cardamom industry in Kerala is on the verge of ruin due to fall in

prices, pests and heavy tax burden; and

(b) whether Government have thought of any scheme to save the industry from ruin?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Government is aware that the prices of cardamom have shown a downward trend since September, 1961, owing to a fall in export demand and an increase in production both in India and in other producing countries. Various measures have been taken against pests. The question of relief from sales-tax is for the State Government to consider.

An Indian Central Spices and Cashewnut Committee has recently been constituted to deal with all aspects of research, development and marketing of these crops.

Loan to States for Industries

244. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount Government propose to advance in the current year as loan for industries to different States; and

(b) for what purpose the State Governments can utilise such loan?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The allocations of Central Loan Assistance to State Governments for 1962-63 for development of industries have not yet been settled.

Rehabilitation Industries Corporation

245. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd., Calcutta, was constituted and when it started functioning;

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(b) the extent and the nature of work undertaken by it since its inception; and

(c) the number of employment secured to displaced persons from East Bengal and potentialities of further employment for them from the industries organised by the Corporation?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) April, 1959.

(b) Provision of employment to displaced persons from East Pakistan by

(i) setting up industries on its own or in collaboration with private enterprise;

(ii) arranging for training of displaced persons;

(iii) setting up Industrial Estates;

(iv) participating in equity share capital of corporate bodies; and

(v) granting financial assistance to deserving private industries.

The Corporation has sanctioned loans to 31 industrial units and has also established 2 Industrial Estates and agreed to set up 5 Industrial Projects.

(c) The Schemes agreed to have a potential of employing 7280 displaced persons. So far about 760 displaced persons have been employed.

Export of Tea to U.K.

246. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of Indian tea to the United Kingdom has fallen considerably during the first two months of the current year;

(b) if so, how do the figures relating to this period compare with those for the corresponding period in 1961; and