

**MINERAL SURVEY AND GEOLOGICAL
MAPPING**

5633. **SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY** : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state the principal which govern the undertaking of mineral survey and geological mapping ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHENNA REDDY): Mineral survey and geological mapping are undertaken to locate mineral reserves and to assess the known mineral deposits for the expanding indigenous industries and for export to earn foreign exchange.

DEMOLITION OF RAILWAY QUARTERS

5634. **SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether to effect economy in expenditure, Government propose to stop demolition of old quarters and construction of new ones in their places; and

(b) the total amount spent by Indian Railways in demolition of old quarters and construction of new ones from the 1st January, 1966 to 31st October, 1967 separately ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SHRI C. M. POONACHA : (a) No. Demolition of old quarters and construction of new quarters in lieu thereof is unavoidable, if these have outlived their economic life and have become uninhabitable or if these are coming in the way of major yard remodelling and developmental schemes. Each proposal of demolition of quarters is however carefully examined in all its aspects including from the point of view of economy and is approved only if found absolutely necessary.

(b) Separate figures of amount spent on the demolition of quarters and construction of new ones in replacement are not available. Approximately a total sum of about Rs. 25.55 lakhs was however spent on demolition of old quarters and constructing new ones in replacement from 1-1-66 to 31-10-1967.

RADIO RECEIVER SETS

5636. **SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO** : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-

MENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of small scale units in the country engaged in assembling domestic radio receiver sets;

(b) the number of sets produced by these units per year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to popularise the Indian radio receiver sets in foreign countries and the results achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The following facilities are available to registered exporters of engineering goods including exporters of radio receivers :—

- (1) Brand publicity in foreign countries through the Foreign Publicity Scheme of the Engineering Council at subsidised rates.
- (2) Facilities for display at Government of India/Council's Show rooms abroad.
- (3) Facilities for participation in Exhibitions abroad.

Apart from the above, the exporters are encouraged to go abroad on sales teams and delegations sponsored by the Engineering Council—part of the expenditure is met from the Marketing Development Fund.

Radio receivers is comparatively a new industry in exports. The exports of the item during the last few years have been as follows :

Name of Item	Years	Exports
		(Rs. in Lakhs)
Radio Receivers and Parts.	1961-62	0.30
	1962-63	1.83
	1963-64	6.17
	1964-65	6.30
	1965-66	19.72
	1966-67	5.06