

(c) Government have no precise information but are aware that these factories have temporarily closed down.

FOREIGNERS EMPLOYED IN INDIA

15. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state what is the total number of foreign nationals employed in Government and private service separately in India at present?

(b) What was their number in the years 1950 and 1951?

(c) What are their principal nationalities and the nature of work in which they are engaged?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when, and in so far as it is, available.

MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

16. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are going to install a factory to manufacture heavy electrical plant and equipment?

(b) When will the plant be installed and what will be the initial cost?

(c) Are Government also going to develop basic industries including ancillary transport facilities when the plant is installed?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Government are considering the question of establishing a factory for the manufacture of Heavy Electrical Power Plant.

(b) and (c). Do not arise at this stage.

PASSPORTS TO ATTEND WORLD PEACE CONGRESS AT VIENNA

18. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state how many passports were applied for, for the purpose of attending the World Peace Congress held at Vienna recently?

(b) How many passports were granted, State by State?

(c) How many applications were rejected and for what reasons?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). Passports are granted by the various State Governments in India. As records of the issue of passports are not kept on the

basis of the objects for which they are applied for, but on the basis of the names of the applicants, it is impracticable at this stage to state how many persons applied for passports for the purpose of attending the Vienna Peace Congress, how many applications were rejected or how many passports were issued.

117 names were brought to the notice of the Government of India by the "All India Peace Council", out of which 41 names were recommended to the various State Governments for the issue of Passports.

As has been repeatedly stated on the floor of the House, applications for passports are considered on the individual merits of each case. Where it is considered that the grant of a passport is not in the public interest, it is not granted.

THOUBAL COMMUNITY PROJECT

21. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Thoubal Community Project area, a marshy piece of land known as Loushipat, about 5½ miles in length and about 3 miles in width, is going to be reclaimed by the villagers bordering this marshy land;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said villagers worked free and voluntarily in cutting hills for draining out the said marshy land;

(c) whether it is a fact that in return for voluntary service rendered by the villagers, the land so reclaimed will be distributed free by Government;

(d) how many man-days were required to complete the cutting of the hills and how many villagers worked voluntarily;

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what is the machinery for distribution and how much land is expected to be given to each villager; and

(f) what is the progress so far made?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) (i) The work has not yet been completed. (ii) 1,095.

(e) The actual distribution will be made by the Revenue Deptt. and each man is expected to get land from 4 to 5 acres.

(f) About 50 per cent. of the work has been finished.