

**The Deputy Minister of Finance** (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) and (b). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 28.]

**CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN NAGAPATTINAM**

651. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri V. P. Nayar:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints against the Customs Authorities in Nagapattinam during the period January to April, 1954;

(b) if so, what are the allegations; and

(c) the action, if any, taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance** (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) to (c). A statement showing particulars of complaints received by the Government against the Customs authorities at Nagapattinam during the period January to April 1954, and the action taken thereon by Government of India, is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 29.]

**DEFENCE EMPLOYEES**

652. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial and non-industrial employees serving in each Ordnance Depot and M.E.S. and E.M.E. workshops as on 1st June, 1954;

(b) the total number of trade apprentices in these establishments; and

(c) the total number of employees surplus to the requirement at present in these establishments or likely to be declared surplus during the current year?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence** (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) For reasons

of security, the designation, location and strength of each Ordnance Depot and E.M.E. Workshop cannot be disclosed. The total strength of industrial and non-industrial personnel in Ordnance Depots, M.E.S. Workshops and E.M.E. Workshops is as follows:

(i) *Industrial*

Ordnance Depots	37,073
M.E.S. Workshops	20,896
F.M.E. Workshops	8,726

(ii) *Non-industrial*

Ordnance Depots	17,547
M.E.S. Workshops	14,580
F.M.E. Workshops	3,787

(b) 156.

(c) The manpower requirements of the Defence Establishments are assessed periodically and the strength of each establishment fixed according to the work-load factors. Retrenchment is avoided wherever possible. It is not possible to indicate in advance the number of employees to be retrenched in the year.

**INSURANCE COMPANIES**

653. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state how many Insurance Companies with mainly foreign capital and management have withdrawn their activities from India during the last three years?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance** (Shri M. C. Shah): Five.

**HALI SICCA**

654. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 867 asked on the 10th March, 1954 and state:

(a) the total amount of Hali Sicca withdrawn from circulation by the Government in Hyderabad upto the end of July, 1954 in connection with the demonetisation of Hyderabad currency; and