

value of India's exports to and imports from Afghanistan during the period April-September 1955 was Rs. 59.56 lakhs and Rs. 63.11 lakhs, respectively. The figures for later months and statistics of the actual tonnage of commercial goods exported or imported are not available.

(b) and (c). The information is contained in the two statements attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 12].

Passports

22. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of passports granted during 1955 by the Regional Passport Office, Delhi ; and

(b) the number of applications rejected during the same period ?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : (a) From the period 1st January to the 15th November, 1955, the Regional Passport Office, Delhi, issued 6507 passports.

(b) The information is not available.

Radio Licence Fee

23. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to refer to the reply

given to starred question No. 1484 on the 22nd December, 1954 and state :

(a) whether Government have since decided to reduce the licence fee of the Commercial Broadcast Receivers; and

(b) if so, when it will come into force ?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) :

(a) It has since been decided that for the present there need be no reduction in the license fee for Commercial Broadcast Receivers.

(b) Does not arise.

Village Industries

24. **Shri Karni Singhji** : Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grants, loans and subsidies sanctioned for Rajasthan, year-wise from 1951-52 to 1954-55 for the development of village industries; and

(b) the amounts utilised year-wise by the Rajasthan Government out of these grants.

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.