

Plan for the development of Lac (cottage) industry in the country:—

1. Speculation in the shellac trade was prohibited with effect from December, 1954.
2. State Governments are making advances from the Industries Development Fund by way of help to the small shellac manufactures.
3. In Bihar all kinds of lac have been exempted from the imposition of Sales Tax.
4. The Indian Lac Cess Committee has constantly been endeavouring to increase the utilisation of seed lac and shellac within India.
5. Brood Farms for increasing cultivation of lac are proposed to be set up in different States.
6. It is proposed that two air-conditioned godowns and 15 ordinary godowns be set up at different important centres in order that credit facilities be available to small manufacturers.
7. It is proposed that regional testing laboratories be set up by the Indian Lac Cess Committee at different important centres so as to assist the small manufacturers in the production of quality goods.
8. The Government of India are also considering a proposal for introducing quality control at the export stage.
9. It has been proposed to set up an Export Promotion Council.
10. Government of Bihar are considering the question of legislation of shellac manufactories.

**Mechada Combined Posts and Telegraphs Office**

775. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) what was the initial expenditure incurred for opening the Combined Posts and Telegraphs Office at Mechada in 1953;

(b) whether the income that accrues from the above combined Posts and Telegraphs Office is sufficient for making it permanent or whether there are other factors to justify the same; and

(c) if so, what are they?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Rs. 2,428 as capital cost of line and Apparatus.

(b) and (c). Yes, but the permanency is to be decided after a review is made of the income of the postal branch which should not fall short of the expenditure by more than Rs. 240/- per annum in two consecutive financial reviews.

**Public Call Offices in Punjab**

776. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Call Offices to be opened in the rural areas of the Punjab State in 1955-56; and

(b) the names of the places in Hoshiarpur district where Public Call Office will be installed during the above periods

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Already opened during 1955-56...11.

Expected to be opened during 1955-56. 16.

- (b)
1. Bajwara.
  2. Dasuya.
  3. Garhdiwala.
  4. Mahilpur.
  5. Una.
  6. Umrar.

(The progress of opening new Public Call Offices is, however, subject to receipt of materials in time).

**Departmental Catering on Railway**

777. { **Shri D. C. Sharma :**  
**Shri Hem Raj :**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the railway stations at which the departmental catering has been introduced on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, from when?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan):** Delhi Junction and Pathankot.

(b) 1-10-55.

**N. E. Railway**

778. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of the District Mechanical Engineering,

North Eastern Railway, at present located at Izatnagar, Bareilly, U.P. is being reorganised;

(b) if so, whether as a result of this reorganisation it is proposed to transfer certain of its branches to Gorakhpur and Calcutta;

(c) the number of clerical staff which is likely to be affected by this transfer move; and

(d) the years when this office was established at Izatnagar and reorganised last respectively?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) :**  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The office of the District Mechanical Engineer (known as Loco and Carriage Supdt. until 1943) has been functioning at Izatnagar since 1925. No re-organisation has taken place.

#### **Ex-Domestic Servants Association, Bangalore**

779. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India received any representation dated the 24th February, 1955 from *Ex-Domestic Servants Association, Bangalore*, in regard to the provision of employment for its members; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government?

**The Minister of Labour ( Shri Khandubhai Desai ) :** (a) and (b). Yes, a representation was received for starting a separate "factory-cum-workshop" to train and employ the members of the Association. As the starting of such a "factory-cum-workshop" is beyond the scope of the training schemes administered by the Labour Ministry, they were informed accordingly.

#### **Training Industrial Establishments**

780. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial establishments in the country which provide "in plant" training to craftsmen trainees;

(b) the number of trainees in those establishments at present; and

(c) the number of those establishments which are having any established procedure of selecting candidates for training?

**The Minister of Labour ( Shri Khandubhai Desai ) :** (a) and (b). In plant training is given in different private establishments to meet their own needs from time to time. Similarly, some institutions maintained by State Governments and the Central Government like Railway Workshops, Ordnance Factories etc. also provide such training as and when required. According to the information collected through the Employment Exchanges in 1954, 532 Industrial establishments provided 'in-plant' training to 10,550 craftsmen trainees in their establishments. This information is however, not comprehensive.

(c) The required information is not available.

#### **Wheeler Book Stall**

781. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**  
**Babu Ramnarayan Singh:**  
**Shri Asthana :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps that are being taken to improve the service of the Wheeler Book Stall?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) :** The steps that are being taken to improve the service at Messrs. Wheeler and Co.'s bookstalls at stations are—

(a) Frequent inspections by railway officers to ensure that—

(i) No books on Sex, whether scientific or otherwise, are kept at the stalls for sale;

(ii) Sale of books/periodicals published in the country, specially in Hindi and other Indian languages, are encouraged to the fullest extent;

(iii) The prices of the books are reasonable; and

(iv) The contractors provide adequate stocks of books and provide also equal opportunities for sale of all popular newspapers.

(b) Recently further instructions have been issued for the setting up on each Railway of a small committee of one or two non-official members of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee; as also one or two well-known retired educationists. These Committees will go round and inspect bookstalls. Their suggestions for improvement, both in respect of