

and non-Indians employed in Coffee plantations in the managerial posts on the 1st January, 1947 and on the 1st January, 1955?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

	Indians	Non-Indians
1st January 1947	2	18
1st January 1955	35	48

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in Punjab

951. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state the amount spent so far on the rehabilitation of displaced persons in the Punjab?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mohs Chand Khanna): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Hindustan Cables Ltd.

952. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the number of foreigners employed at present in the various departments of Hindustan Cables Ltd.?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): None.

Development Projects in Punjab

953. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the development projects for which the Government of the Punjab have asked for financial assistance from the Central Government for the year 1955-56;

(b) the number and names of projects for which aid has been sanctioned; and

(c) the amount sanctioned in each case?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24].

Indians Abroad

954. **Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafiq:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Nationals abroad who applied from January, 1952 to date, to the Indian Embassies in foreign countries for financial help, for coming back to India, if any;

(b) the total amount of help given so far; and

(c) the number of cases which are still under consideration?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Foreign Delegations

955. **Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafiq:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of foreign Delegations which visited India since the 1st April, 1955 and the total amount spent on these Delegations?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Village and Cottage Industries

956. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in reply to a letter, dated the 9th June, 1955, from the Indian Soap and Toiletries Makers' Association, Bombay, the Association was informed as follows:

"Government have made it clear on more than one occasion that there has always been competition between all manufacturers in marketing their products and that such competition is an essential safeguard against consumers being charged high prices" and "that it is Government's declared policy to accord equal treatment to all firms operating in the country whether foreign-owned, controlled or otherwise"; and

(b) if so, whether the above policy applies equally to the Indian Village and Cottage Industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is unable to see the relation between parts (a) and (b) of the question.

Radio Programmes

957. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure on Radio programmes in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is lower than that on programme on A.I.R. at Delhi; and