

### HINDUSTAN CABLES LTD.

1. **Shri Ibrahim** : Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state the length of cables of different specifications and their value that the Hindustan Cables Limited produced during the year 1955?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy)** : A statement showing the length of telephone cables of different specifications produced by the Hindustan Cables Limited during the year 1955 is placed on the Table of the House. The sales price is under negotiation and is expected to be finalised shortly. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 11.]

### DISPLACED PERSONS FROM EAST BENGAL

2. **Shri S. M. Ghose** : Will the **Minister of Rehabilitation** be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of refugees from East Bengal who are at present living in the Government camps in West Bengal ;

(b) the total number of refugees in West Bengal, outside Government camps, who have applied for land and housing-building facilities;

(c) the total number of displaced agriculturists from East Bengal who are to be rehabilitated ;

(d) the total acreage of land available in West Bengal for rehabilitation purpose giving detailed account of acreage ; and

(e) the average monthly expenditure on refugee camps in West Bengal including administrative charges?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur)** : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

### CENTRAL SILK BOARD

3. **Shri Keshavaiahgar** : Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state :

(a) the cost of establishment of the

Central Silk Board for the years 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955 ; and

(b) what is the total amount of T.A. and D.A. paid to the Members of the Board and the amount incurred for payment of T. A. and D. A. to the officials of the Board?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy)** : (a) and (b) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 12].

### EXODUS OF HINDUS FROM EAST PAKISTAN

\* 4 { **Sardar Hukam Singh :**  
**Shri Gidwani :**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether there is any truth in the Press reports (*Times of India*, dated the 10th January, 1956) that the Pakistan High Commissioner to India invited our Government to set up a Committee to enquire into the real causes of exodus of Hindus from East Pakistan.

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru)** : The suggestion was made in a statement to the Press by the High Commissioner of Pakistan. No reference to the Government of India has, however, been made. Government are well aware of the real causes of the exodus of Hindus from East Pakistan.

### HYDERABAD HANDICRAFTS

5. **Shri Heda** : Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state the steps being taken for the development of Bidri and Nirmal handicrafts in Hyderabad?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy)** : Development of these handicrafts is being encouraged by giving financial assistance to cooperative societies, for purchase of machinery, training artisans and organizing sales.