

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Agricultural Machinery of various kinds for use in the establishment of a State Experimental Farm, and a passenger aircraft "IL-14-P" were received as gifts from the Soviet Leaders after their visit to India.

ALL INDIA HANDICRAFTS BOARD

1502. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) what were the main activities of the All India Handicrafts Board during 1955 ;

(b) the progress made in the Pottery, Toy-Making, Mat-Weaving and Prints industries during the same period ; and

(c) whether there was a satisfactory marketing of handicraft products?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The main activities of the All-India Handicrafts Board during 1955-56 were the following :—

(1) Scrutiny of schemes of development of Handicraft Industries prepared by State Governments and institutions and recommendation of suitable financial assistance for such schemes.

(2) Establishment of Pilot Centres for the revival of selected Handicrafts Industries and training of personnel.

(3) Establishment of Design Centres and a Handicrafts Museum.

(4) Promotion of marketing of Handicrafts by organisation and participation in Exhibitions in India and abroad, publicity schemes, assistance to Emporia etc.

(5) Research into the problems of Handicrafts Industries.

(b) The Development of handicrafts is the responsibility of State Governments. However, to supplement their efforts in the development of all these industries financial assistance has been given to many State Governments on the basis of specific schemes received from them. It is understood that satisfactory progress is being made. Handicrafts Board have also started the following Pilot centres for imparting training :—

(1) Blue pottery industry at New Delhi.

(2) Dolls and toy making at Bombay.

(3) Toy-making, at Kondapalli (Andhra).

For further information the attention of the Hon'ble member is invited to the Annual Report of the Handicrafts Board for 1955-56.

(c) There has been a progressive improvement.

पर्यटन

१५०३. श्री अमर सिंह डामर : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष १९५४-५५ में कितने भारतीयों को राष्ट्रमंडलीय देशों को छोड़ कर अन्य विदेशों में जाने के लिये पार-पत्र दिये गये ; और

(ख) उक्त अवधि में राष्ट्रमंडलीय देशों को छोड़ कर अन्य विदेशों से कितने विदेशी व्यक्ति भारत आये ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री. जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) इसकी सूचना नहीं है। जारी किए गए पासपोर्टों के आंकड़े देशवार या क्षेत्रवार नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

(ख) यह सूचना गृह मंत्रालय से, जिसका इससे संबंध है, ले ली जायगी और सदन की मंजूरी पर रख दी जायगी।

निजी प्रेस

१५०४. श्री के० सी० सोधिया : क्या निर्माण, आवास और संभरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५५-५६ में भारत सरकार के प्रेसों को दिये गये छपाई के कार्य के अतिरिक्त कुल कितनी कीमत का काम निजी प्रेसों को दिया गया ;

(ख) ऐसे निजी प्रेसों की संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ग) किस-किस प्रेस को सबसे अधिक और सबसे कम काम दिया गया था और कितनी कितनी कीमत का ?