

(b) if so, the nature and extent of the assistance ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** (a) and (b). A scheme received from the Punjab Government for imparting training in *Phulkari* work is under consideration.

#### NEPA NEWSPRINT FACTORY

**\*937. Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether any annual subsidy is given by the Centre to the Nepa Newsprint factory (Madhya Pradesh) ;

(b) whether the factory has started producing its rated capacity of newsprint; and

(c) the total production of the newsprint in this factory during 1955?

**The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

(c) 2,606 tons on a trial production basis.

#### COMMUNITY RADIO SETS

**\*939. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the progress made so far in the scheme of distributing Community Radio sets in the rural areas?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** 1,220 sets were supplied to State Governments during 1954-55. For the year 1955-56 orders have been placed for 14,169 sets and deliveries are in progress. During 1956-57 it is proposed to order and supply 12,000 sets.

#### EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS

**\*945.** { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**  
**Shri R. K. Gupta :**  
**Shri M. Islamuddin :**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the Export Promotion Councils have opened offices in foreign markets; and

(b) if so, which Councils and in which countries?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir. Only one Council so far.

(b) The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has opened offices at Singapore and Baghdad.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

**523. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the salient features as revealed from Socio-economic Survey of the city of Calcutta or any other city ?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** The survey of Calcutta is still in progress. An interim report covering a part of the survey has been received in the Planning Commission. The salient features or conclusions of this survey as well as of other surveys will be available in the reports when published.

#### DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

**524. Shri R. K. Gupta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether District Development Committees have been set up in the State of Pepsu; and

(b) if so, the names of those Districts

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In all Districts.

#### BHILAI STEEL PLANT

**525. Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state :

(a) whether tenders have recently been invited for the supply of tractors and bulldozers for the Bhilai Steel Project, Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) whether it is a fact that tenderers have been asked to supply tractors and bulldozers not of particular specifications but of a certain make; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) No, Sir.

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

#### COMMON SERVICE ORGANISATION AT MEHSI

**526. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 677 on the 13th March, 1956 and lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha :

(a) a copy of the scheme submitted by the Government of Bihar for starting a Common Service Organisation at Mehsi;

(b) the extent of financial assistance that will be sanctioned by Government; and

(c) the names and designations of the Officers who made investigations at Mehsi ;

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). A Statement is attached. [See Appendix V annexure No. 51.]

#### SEWING MACHINES

**527. Pandit D. N. Tiwary :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sewing machines in the country has exceeded the demand ;

(b) whether sewing machines are being exported; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries to which these are exported ?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) The Tariff Commission had estimated in 1954 that the production of domestic Sewing Machines has exceeded the demand. In recent years, both the demand and production are increasing and a precise indication of the one out-running the other is not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Aden, Angola, Australia, Afghanistan, Burma, Bahrein, Belgian-Congo, Cyprus, Ceylon, Egypt, Ethiopia, French Morocco, Fiji Island, Gambia, Greece, Gold Coast, Guatemala, Iraq, Iran, Indonesia, Indo-China, Kenya-colonies, Lebanon, Malaya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niyasaland, Nigeria, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Syria, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanganyika, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay, Viet-Nam, Zanzibar, Pemba and other Islands in the Pacific.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES

**528. Shri S. C. Samanta :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the suggestions of the action committee for the development of small scale industries, different State Governments have undertaken a survey of their areas with a view to select the particular projects where development programmes can be started ;

(b) if so, names of projects already received; and

(c) the functions of the action committee after the projects are selected?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) The State Governments concerned have undertaken the surveys but they have not been completed as yet.

(b) A list of the areas selected for survey is attached. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 52.]

(c) The Action Committee at the Centre will coordinate and guide the activities of the various All India Boards in the project areas. The States have been advised to constitute an Action Committee at the State level so that the programme at the ground level may be kept under continuous observation and the required coor-