

A craftsman from Bareilly who is preparing a book on the history and development of this industry has been granted financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 1,500/- to assist him in compiling additional material for the book. There is a proposal to form a cooperative society of Zari workers in that city.

#### Workcharged Staff in C.P.W.D.

1456. **Shri Eswara Reddi** : Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of workcharged staff employed in Delhi in the C. P. W. D.

(b) the total amount of money expended in the years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 to provide medical facilities to this staff; and

(c) how much of this amount has been spent separately on pay and allowances of medical staff and how much on medicines, etc.?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh)** : (a) 7,621 as in April, 1956.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix XII, Annexure No. 18].

#### Workcharged Staff of C.P.W.D.

1457. **Shri Eswara Reddi** : Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of permanent posts sanctioned for the workcharged staff of the C. P. W. D.; and

(b) the number of posts among them which have actually been filled by confirmation of workcharged staff against these posts according to each Division?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh)** : (a) 2,529.

(b) The number of workcharged staff in a Division varies from time to time due to transfers and therefore the number of the permanent workcharged staff in a Division is not a static figure. All in all up to 1st September 1956, workcharged staff confirmed is 2,209.

#### Workcharged Staff, C. P. W. D.

1458. **Shri Eswara Reddi** : Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state :

(a) the number of permanent work-

charged staff retired in the C. P. W. D. from 1950; and

(b) the number among them who have got any pension or gratuity?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh)** : (a) and (b). The information is not readily available. It is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Pashmina Wool

1459. **Shri Hem Raj** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of Pashmina Wool imported in the year 1955 and the value thereof;

(b) the quantity of Pashmina Wool exported after sorting and carding and its estimated value; and

(c) the quantity of Pashmina Wool preserved for internal consumption in the cottage industry and its selling price during 1955?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh)** : (a) Varying estimates have been made—that given by the trade was about 9,000 mds.

(b) and (c). Exports from stocks after sorting and carding are estimated at 2,200 mds. The balance after export is available to the cottage industry. Precise information about the selling price during 1955 is not readily available but is being collected.

#### Silk Waste

1460. **Shri Madish Gowda** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and the value of Silk waste exported every year for the last three years;

(b) the agencies that deal in export trade;

(c) the restrictions, if any, imposed on export traders;

(d) whether the question of proper utilization of Waste-Silk was ever tackled by the Silk Board; and

(e) if so, with what result?