

(b) the steps taken, if any, to increase the indigenous production of raw sulphur and the result expected by such steps?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar):

| (a) Year | Estimated requirements of sulphur (Tons) |
|----------|--|
| 1956-57 | 78,000 |
| 1957-58 | 90,000 |
| 1958-59 | 120,000 |
| 1959-60 | 160,000 |
| 1960-61 | 206,000 |

(b) At present there is no production of sulphur in the country. Although elemental sulphur is not available in the country, the question of economic exploitation of some of the combined forms of sulphur like iron pyrites, gypsum etc. is engaging the attention of Government.

Dyestuff Industry

*662 { Shri Bansal;
Shri M. Islamuddin:

Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any decision to participate directly in the development of the Dyestuff Industry; and

(b) if so, what form this participation will take?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir, the Government have decided to develop the manufacture of intermediates required by the dyestuff and other important industries.

(b) The matter is still under consideration. The National Industrial Development Corporation will establish the plant or plants in this connection.

Paper Industry

597. **Shri Ram Krishan :** Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state the estimated cost of machines that will be required for the paper industry in India during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): About Rs. 25 crores. This figure is exclusive of the cost of capital goods for the manufacture of newsprint and pulp.

Calcium Carbide

598. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state the names of the companies which have been granted licences to erect plants for manufacture of Calcium Carbide during the current year (State-wise)?

The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 104]

Indians in European Countries

599. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indians in European countries, country-wise; and

(b) the occupations they follow?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Up-to-date information is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Wireless Receivers

600. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of radio set owners during current year, Circle-wise?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Statistics regarding number of radio set owners are not maintained separately. However on 31st October, 1956 the number of radio licences in force was 11,28,614 distributed circle-wise as follows:—

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Andhra | 48,860 |
| 2. Assam* | 15,197 |
| 3. Bihar | 49,189 |
| 4. Bombay | 2,65,336 |
| 5. Central** | 48,074 |
| 6. Delhi | 61,585 |
| 7. Hyderabad | 33,478 |
| 8. Madras | 1,91,057 |
| 9. Orissa | 9,483 |
| 10. Punjab † | 1,00,834 |
| 11. Rajasthan ‡ | 47,815 |
| 12. Uttar Pradesh | 1,03,909 |
| 13. West Bengal | 1,53,797 |
| TOTAL | 11,28,614 |

Note: * Assam Circle is comprised of Assam Manipur, Tripura and NEFA.

** Central Circle is comprised of Madhya Pradesh and Vindhya Pradesh.

† Punjab Circle comprises of Punjab, PEPSU, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

‡ Rajasthan comprises of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Ajmer and Bhopal.