

in Burma, Ceylon, Thailand, Egypt and East Africa. These reports are being given wide publicity.

3. The Council has already sent one delegation to Burma; one of the members of the delegation was a cycle manufacturer.

4. Bicycles have been exhibited at the following International exhibitions, in which India has participated:—

1954-55—(1) Indian Trade Exhibition, Cairo (Egypt).

(2) Lausanne Trade Fair, Lausanne (Switzerland).

1955-56—(1) Leipzig Spring International Trade Fair, Leipzig (East Germany).

(2) Phnom-Penh International Industrial Exhibition, Phnom-Penh (Cambodia).

(3) Pakistan International Industries Fair, Karachi (Pakistan).

(4) Third International D'Jakarta Fair, D'Jakarta (Indonesia).

(5) Silver Jubilee Fair, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia).

1956-57—(1) Zagreb International Trade Fair, Zagreb (Yugoslavia).

(2) Wholly Indian Exhibition, Prague (Czechoslovakia).

(3) Wholly Indian Exhibition, Lagos (Nigeria).

(4) Wholly Indian Exhibition, Accra (Gold Coast).

5. Bicycles are also displayed in the following show rooms:—

1. Colombo (Ceylon)
2. Tehran (Iran)
3. Karachi (Pakistan)
4. Manila (Phillippines)

6. Provision has been made to enable fabricators of engineering products to obtain replacement of iron and steel used in producing engineering goods for export.

7. A scheme for the grant of drawback of import duty paid on imported raw materials and components used in the manufacture of cycles exported has been finalised.

8. In order to make the prices of bicycles competitive in the foreign market, Government have decided that the tube manufacturing industry should be developed in India at the earliest possible date and accordingly two additional licences have been given for the manufacture of tubes in India.

### Aluminium

**637. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of aluminium in the country at present; and

(b) the quantity produced in the country and the quantity imported and the value thereof?

**The Minister of Trade (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) About 20,000 tons.

(b) A statement showing the production and imports of Aluminium during the last three years is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 112].

### High Altitude Cosmic Ray Research Laboratory

**\*638. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 790 on the 20th August, 1956 and state whether any decision has been taken to set up a High Altitude Cosmic Ray Research Laboratory at Gulmarg-Khillanmarg area in Kashmir?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Yes.

### Evacuee Property

**\*639. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of evacuee buildings that have been auctioned in Delhi upto the end of November, 1956; and

(b) the number of such evacuee buildings the possession of which has since been given to the purchasers?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) and (b). The relevant information for the period ending November, 1956 is not available. However, the number of evacuee buildings that have been auctioned in Delhi up to the end of October, 1956 is 1,722. Out of this number, possession has been given to the auction purchasers in 777 cases.

### A.I.R.

**640. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made of the students taking advantage of the School Broadcast by A.I.R., and

(b) if so, what is that number?