

(b) the names of places, where these emporia will be located?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). Besides the two emporia already functioning at Bombay and New Delhi, the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board proposes to open four more emporia during the current year with a view to increasing the sale of Khadi and also for making these emporia serve as model shopping centres. It is proposed to establish these four emporia at Calcutta, Madras, Bhopal and Bangalore.

Residential Houses and Shops

349. Shri Ram Krishna: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential houses and shops constructed for displaced persons in the States of Punjab and Pepsu, upto 31st October, 1956 (District-wise) and

(b) the number of houses and shops that are yet to be completed under the Scheme, (District-wise)?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 92].

Indians in American Countries

350. Shri Ram Krishna: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians in American countries, country-wise; and
(b) the occupation they follow?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See Appendix II, annexure No. 93).

P.M.'s Visit to U.S.A.

351. { Shri Kamath;
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad;
Shri Velayudhan;
Sardar Iqbal Singh;
Sardar Akarpuri;
Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri Buchikotiah;
Shri Bibhuti Mishra;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the date for his visit to U.S.A. has been settled; and
(b) if so, what it is?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Yes. The Prime Minister will leave New Delhi for the United State of America on the 14th of December, 1956.

Village Industries in Assam

352. Shri Debendra Nath Surma: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the names of places chosen for the development of village industries on an intensive basis in Assam during Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): So far no area in Assam has been selected for the development of village industries on an intensive basis. The question is under examination in consultation with the Assam Khadi & Village Industries Board.

Amalgamation of Small Collieries

353. Shri Chattopadhyaya: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 199 on the 24th July, 1956, and state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri Balwantray Gopaljee Mehta to go into the question of amalgamation of small collieries has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations;

(c) whether Government have examined the same; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes.

(b) The main recommendations of the Committee are:—

(1) The collieries producing less than 10,00 tons or having an area of less than 100 acres should be amalgamated.

(2) Central legislation should be undertaken to deal with all aspects of amalgamation.

(3) A statutory Commission should be set up to draw up a scheme of amalgamation.

(4) A Committee of three technical officers should be appointed to examine proposals for voluntary amalgamation and to recommend the Commission.

(c) The report is under examination.

(d) Does not arise.