

**Manufacture of Mattress and
Bristle Fibre**

1267. { Shri Siddananjappa:
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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the States visited and the work done so far by the delegation appointed to study the possibilities of producing matters and bristle fibre in India;

(b) whether the delegation has completed its work and submitted any report; and

(c) if so, the main findings of the delegation?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The delegation

appointed by the Coir Board to study the possibilities of producing mattress and bristle fibre in India visited coconut growing areas in West Bengal, Orissa and Andhra in November 1956 and Bombay, Mysore and Madras in December 1956.

(b) and (c). The delegation has not yet submitted its report.

Rickshaw Pullers

1268. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the total number of rickshaw pullers (both hand and cycle) in each State?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): The available information for the year 1956 is:—

Serial No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of rickshaw pullers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23,839
2.	Assam	1,789
3.	Bombay	621
4.	Madhya Pradesh	11,473
5.	Madras	6,324
6.	Orissa	11,284
7.	Punjab	15,746
8.	Kerala	2,291
9.	West Bengal	40,306
10.	Mysore	266
11.	Rajasthan	2,374
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	..
13.	Himachal Pradesh	..
14.	Tripura	1,603
15.	Manipur	400
16.	Delhi	1,889
17.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..

Rabindra Sangeet in A.I.R.

1269. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken to popularise Rabindra Sangeet through All India Radio; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to bring some artistes from Calcutta and observe a week for popularisation of Rabindra Sangeet?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keekar): (a) To facilitate broadcasting of Rabindra Sangeet, a Studio has been opened at