

(d) the total number of automatic looms to be installed in the near future?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Any country which will accept deferred payment on terms acceptable to the Government.

(c) As indigenous production is low, a good proportion of the number of looms will have to be imported.

(d) 18,000 looms.

### D.V.C.

**580. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the claim of Damodar Valley Corporation against the Sindri Fertilisers and Chemicals (Private) Ltd., and

(b) the reasons why the dispute has not been settled yet?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) and (b). A statement explaining the position is laid on the Table (See Appendix II, annexure No. 120]

### Employment

**581. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been provided employment through the employment exchanges during the Second Plan till the 15th June, 1957; and

(b) the number of able bodied persons who have been added to those already unemployed during the above period?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) 2,35,058 upto 30th June, 1957.

(b) The information is not available.

### Ambar Charkha Programme

**582. Shri Krishnaiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much money Government have spent so far on the popularisation of Ambar Charkha; and

(b) the number of Ambar Charkhas supplied and the amount of money spent thereon in Andhra Pradesh;

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) An expenditure of Rs. 119.76 lakhs as grant and Rs. 196.73 lakhs as loan has been incurred on the Ambar Charkha project since 1956-57. In addition a sum of Rs. 17,58,625 as grant and Rs. 12,00,000 as loan was spent on a pilot project comprising of 6,000 Charkhas during 1955-56.

(b) 5,184 Ambar Charkhas have been supplied to Andhra Pradesh and a loan amounting to Rs. 12,03,600 has been advanced so far.

### Strikes

**583. Shri B. N. Kureel:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of strikes in the public and private sectors in the year 1956; and

(b) the total loss to Government and private sectors due to these strikes?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) The total number of work-stoppages both in public and private sectors in 1956 was 1,149.

(b) 65,50,599 man-days were lost.

### Vinay Nagar

**584. Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many newly built quarters in Main Vinay Nagar are lying unallotted;

(b) if so, the number of such quarters;