

(b) Two persons have been recruited for the present

(c) and (d) The programme is a composite one, consisting of folk-music, news, features, etc Any further expansion or recruitment will depend on further transmitter facilities becoming available which might not be for some time to come

#### U.N. Committee on Hungary

107 { Shri D. C. Sharma  
Shri Mahanty  
Shri S. N. Dwivedi:  
Shri Vajpayee

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether a copy of the report prepared by a U N Committee which inquired into the recent events in Hungary has been received, and

(b) if so, whether Government have so far examined it?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir, it was received a few days ago

(b) No, Sir The report is a voluminous document in two volumes, containing about 400 pages, and, is under examination

India House, London

108 { Shri D C. Sharma:  
Shri Assar

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state what efforts have been made to effect economy in expenditure on India House, London, during 1957?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): On June 8, 1957, the Prime Minister addressed all Heads of Missions regarding the imperative need for reducing expenditure with a view to conserve foreign exchange This has been followed by a circular letter from the Ministry of External Affairs giving details of possible measures

which can be adopted by Missions abroad to effect economy of expenditure A special committee has also been formed at headquarters to consider measures for rationalisation of work both at headquarters and in Missions abroad We are at present awaiting detailed proposals from our High Commission in London regarding reduction of staff and other economy measures which it is possible for them to enforce

#### Diplomatic Missions

109. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many new Diplomatic Missions have been opened during the current year, and

(b) the names of the countries in which they have been opened?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b) None so far. But we are sending a *Charge d' Affairs en pied* to Morocco and Assistant Commissioners to Nigeria and Uganda where new diplomatic missions are being set up this year Some other proposals are under consideration but it would not be in the public interest to disclose them

#### National Housing Corporation

110. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri Vajpayee  
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to establish a National Housing Corporation, and

(b) if so what will be its nature?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda) (a) and (b) Government have under consideration the question of integrating the various urban housing schemes at present in force Study of this matter may indicate the need

for some kind of Central authority which would guide housing activity in all fields and ensure coordinated progress.

#### Transit Camps in West Bengal

111. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to abolish transit camps in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, how the displaced persons from East Pakistan will be received?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise

#### Song and Drama Division

112. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the Community Project areas in different States visited by the Song and Drama Division of the Ministry since its inception in 1954;

(b) how many local troupes were organised by the Division for the production of suitable plays,

(c) how many sets of theatrical equipment for Mobile Units have been prepared so far; and

(d) how they have been utilised?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) The staff of the Song and Drama Division is not generally required or expected to visit project areas in different States. The Field Publicity Officers and the Regional Officers visit such areas and submit reports and make recommendations on which suitable action is taken by the Division.

(b) No local troupes have been organised by the Division. The troupes from various States are registered with the Song and Drama Division on the recommendations made by the

Field Publicity Officers, Regional Officers and State Governments concerned. Such recommendations are mainly based on the standard of performances, reputation, equipment and resources of the troupes

(c) No Mobile Units have so far been formed for the activities of the Division and, therefore, no equipment has been prepared for such Units.

(d) Does not arise

#### Welfare Board for Metal Mine Workers

113. Shri M. K. Ghosh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Welfare Board for the metal mine workers similar to those of coal and mica mines workers; and

(b) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes, for manganese mines workers only.

(b) After Central legislation for the purpose has been enacted

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#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

##### NOTIFICATION ISSUED UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUNDS ACT

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, a copy of the Notification No SRO 1976, dated the 15th June, 1957, extending the provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952 to the oxygen, acetylene and carbon-dioxide gases industry with effect from the 31st July, 1957

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