#### Production of Oils

188. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the production of (1) Sandal wood oil (2) Palmrose oil (3) Lemongrass oil (4) Peppermint oil (5) Bergamot oil and (6) Citrus oil in India for this year so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No 84]

# Government of India Factories in Orissa

189. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

- (a) the total number of factories and labourers in Orissa which come directly under the Government of India, and
- (b) whether the Central Government have any machinery of its own m Orissa besides the Government of Orissa to deal with the Labour problem?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid All): (a) Six factories and 1029 workers

(b) Yes

### **Newsprint Consumption**

190. {Shri D. C. Sharma Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

- (a) whether Government have requested the newspaper publishers to accept a voluntary cut of fifteen per cent in their newsprint consumption, and
  - (b) if so, the response thereto?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b) The Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society were requested, in view of the tight foreign exchange shortage and of the necessity to curtail imports to the bare minimum, to make an effective contribution to meet the situation by offering to voluntarily reduce substantially their import of newsprint. In response to this request the Society have offered a voluntary cut in import licences upto a maximum of fifteen per cent over their consumption in any of the licensing periods—January-June/56 or July-December/56

## Co-operatives in Tripura

- 191. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state.
- (a) how many co-operatives have been formed m the Division of Khowai, Tripura, exclusively among the displaced persons so far, and
- (b) what posts of office-bearers are held in these co-operatives by Government Servants?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Five

(b) Posts of President, Vice-President and Secretary are held by Government Officers for the time being

## Contract Labour in Industries

- 192. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state
- (a) whether Government have under consideration any plan for the study of living and working conditions of contract labour in various industries, and
- (b) if so, which industries and the time by which it will be done?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b) It is proposed to conduct an enquiry into the conditions of labour employed through contractors in various industries Since a comprehensive enquiry