

their acceptance by 15th February, 1957. They did not send any communication and the offer was withdrawn on 28th March, 1957. Installation of looms could not be permitted.

(d) Permission to instal looms was refused in view of the general policy of the Government of not allowing any expansion in loomage in the country.

(e) Nil.

#### Shankar Market, New Delhi

967. { Shri Kunhas:  
Shri Kodyan:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the shop-owners in Shankar Market in New Delhi regarding water facilities and other amenities; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehrchand Khanna):** (a) If the Hon'ble Members are referring to the "New Central Market," the reply is in the affirmative.

(b) The work of provision of water supply and other amenities, has practically been completed. The little that is remaining is being expedited.

#### Cottage Industries in the Cooperative Fold

968. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various cottage industries started on co-operative basis that are receiving financial aid from the All India Khadi and Industries Commission in the Punjab so far;

(b) how many have applied for financial assistance during the year; and

(c) the amount sanctioned so far?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (c). The required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 13]. The information covers the financial assistance given by the All India Khadi and Village Board, the predecessor of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission which was established with effect from the 1st April, 1957.

(b) Three.

#### Ambar Charkha Programme in Punjab

969. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 154 on the 22nd May, 1957 and state:

(a) the number of people working in the *Ambar Charkha Parishramalayas* and *Vidyalayas* in Punjab at present; and

(b) the quantity of yarn produced by these *Parishramalayas* and *Vidyalayas* so far?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The number of people trained during 1956-57 and those under training during 1957-58 are as follows:—

	1956-57	1957-58 (As on 31-10-1957)
Spinners	3,999	2,212
Instructors	172	79
Carpenters	23	12

(b) 44,112 lbs of yarn was produced during 1956-57 and 1,26,908 lbs of yarn has been produced during 1957-58 (upto end of October, 1957).

#### Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme

970. **Shri Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employers of West Bengal who have so far availed themselves of the subsidy and loan given by the Central Government under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme; and