

visited foreign countries in the year 1956-57;

(b) the nature of those delegations and which countries they have visited;

(c) whether the number is less than the number in 1955-56; and

(d) the cost involved in sending those delegations?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The complete information is not yet available. According to the present information, the position is as follows:

(a) 141.

(b) Statement showing the nature of those delegations and which countries they have visited, is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See LT-426/57].

(c) Information is not available.

(d) Rs. 25,05,289.46 n.p. approximately.

Press Trust of India

1186. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a move on behalf of the Press Trust of India Board of Directors to close down P.T.I.; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to implement Press Commission's recommendations to hand over P.T.I. management to a public corporation?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). Government have seen reports to the same effect as mentioned by the hon. Member in his question. The recommendations of the Press Commission regarding future management of P.T.I. were addressed to the P.T.I. and not to Government. Legally, Government cannot convert the P.T.I. management into a public

corporation. That is for the shareholders of the P.T.I. to consider.

Delhi Municipality

1187. Shri Bibhanti Mishra: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Municipal Committee has requested the Central Government to give financial aid towards civic reception given to foreign dignitaries as finance of Delhi Municipality are very unsound; and

(b) if so, whether Government have given any grants?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The Delhi Municipal Committee has been giving Civic Reception to a large number of distinguished foreign visitors and approached the Government of India for an *ad hoc* grant to reimburse them for part of the additional expenditure involved.

(b) Rupees one lakh.

हिन्दुस्तान एन्टीबायोटिक्स (प्राइवेट)

लिमिटेड

११८८ श्री आसर : क्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय हिन्दुस्तान एन्टीबायोटिक्स (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड में निमिलिन का, कच्चे रूप में और स्फटिकाकार तैयार माल* के रूप में, प्रतिदिन कितना उत्पादन होता है ?

बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरारजी बेसाई) : इस समय निमिलिन के प्रतिदिन के उत्पादन का औसत इस प्रकार है :—

१. कच्चे रूप में उत्पादन (अर्थात् पहले रवे) ६६,००० मेगा-ग्राम्स

२. स्फटिकाकार तैयार माल के रूप में ४२,००० मेगा-ग्राम्स

*Crude product and recrystallised finished product.