

of the 22 additional posts one more post was reserved for Scheduled Tribes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Six. Three came from Ranchi and one each from Palamau, Arrah and Hyderabad.

(e) Two Scheduled Tribes candidates have been selected.

#### चाय का उत्पादन

१९०१. श्री भक्त बर्दान : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री ५ दिसम्बर, १९५७ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ८१८ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के पांच पर्वतीय जिलों में से प्रत्येक में सन् १९५० से १९५६ तक प्रति वर्ष चाय का कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ ;

(ख) प्रत्येक वर्ष प्रत्येक जिले में कितनी भूमि पर चाय की खेती की गई ;

(ग) प्रत्येक जिले में प्रति वर्ष चाय के बागानों व कारखानों की क्या संख्या रही; और

(घ) इस समय प्रत्येक जिले में प्रलग-प्रलग कितने चाय बागानों व कारखानों के मालिक विदेशी हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) : (क) से (घ). एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [वैश्वे परिवर्ष ४, अनुसूच संख्या ८८]

#### Displaced persons in East Bengal

1902. Shri Halder: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have acquired several thousand acres of land from poor peasants

to rehabilitate refugees of East Bengal in some States; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to rehabilitate those who will be homeless (refugees) again?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). No. If any particular case is brought to our notice necessary enquiries will be made.

#### Loan to Cottage and Small Scale Industries

1903. { Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Himachal Pradesh Government for grant of loan to cottage and small scale industries under the State aid; and

(b) how many of these have been accepted?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 40 applications have been received during the current financial year.

(b) The applications are being scrutinised by the local administration.

#### Hemp Prices

1904. Shri Rameshwar Tanti: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is slump in hemp prices due to decline in external demand?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): Hemp production in the country is largely in the form of Sunn Hemp. Our exports of raw Hemp have been showing a steady increase during the recent years. Prices of Sunn Hemp in U.P. have declined during recent months while those in Andhra have been maintained.