

no information to show if the prisoners involved in this incident included any Indians or not. It is also not known whether any satyagrahis, lying ill in the jail, were asked to stand up to salute the flag.

**प्रधान मंत्री राष्ट्रीय सहायता कोष**

५५०. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५७ में अब तक प्रधान मंत्री राष्ट्रीय सहायता कोष में कुल कितना धन एकत्र हुआ है ; .

(ख) उसमें से कितना धन विदेशों की किन-किन सस्थाओं से प्राप्त हुआ ; और

(ग) उस धन में से किन-किन राज्यों को किन-किन अवसरों पर कितनी कितनी सहायता दी जा चुकी है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वदेशिक कार्य मंत्रों (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) में (ग) . एक व्यूरा सदन की मेज पर रख दिया गया है । [बैलिये परिशिष्ट २, अनुबन्ध संख्या ५६]

**Small Scale Industries**

551. { Shri S. C. Samanta;  
Shri Barman:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme of technical assistance to small industries has been undertaken directly by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the States which have availed of this opportunity and for which small scale industries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian expert delegations visited and studied the problem of small scale industries abroad;

(d) if so, the number of such delegations sent by the Centre so far; and

(e) how their recommendations have been carried out?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The Government of India are only supplementing the activities of the State Governments to provide technical assistance to small scale industries. For this purpose, they have established four Regional Small Industries Service Institutes at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi, fourteen major and branch Institutes (at least one for each State) and a number of Extension Centres in different parts of the country. All States in India have availed of the technical assistance given by these Institutes.

Technical assistance and guidance is given at present in the fields of light mechanical engineering industries, light electrical industries, sports good industry and in some cases to the chemical industry. Specific attention is given in respect of the following products:—

Cycles and their parts, sewing machines and their parts, radio receivers, electric domestic appliances, furniture, cutlery & surgical instruments, builders hardware, sports goods, agricultural implements.

(c) to (e). No expert delegation has so far been sent abroad. However, a delegation of five small scale industrialists has gone to Sweden on a study-visit for two months. They are still in Sweden.

**Import of Fruits**

552. Shri Abdul Salam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dry fruits that are imported from Afghanistan; and

(b) in what quantity they were imported during each of the last 3 years?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 57.]