

other ship during 1957-58. Provision for that purpose has been made in the current year's budget.

(ii) Recruitment of technical personnel required for the implementation of the Plan, is being made.

Radio Talks

772. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of M.P.s including Central Ministers who have been invited by the stations of A.I.R. to give talks on various subjects during 1957 so far; and

(b) how many of them belong to opposition parties?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). 110 M.P.s from 1st January to 15th November 1957. Selection of persons, including M.P.s to give talks over All India Radio is made irrespective of political affiliations or party considerations. It depends on the subject matter of the talk and the suitability of the person concerned for speaking on that subject. As political subjects or controversies are not generally allowed on the Radio the question of inviting talkers on party basis does not arise.

Gramdan Work

773. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount of money was given to Sarva Seva Sangh by the Central Government for the promotion of Gramdan work in the Koraput district of Orissa and in other States of India; and

(b) if so, how much?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 115].

Textile Mills

774. Shri T. Subramanyam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a census of the Textile Industry has been undertaken at the instance of Government;

(b) if so, whether the work has been completed; and

(c) the number of mills registered and the number of employees working therein?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No separate census of Textile Industry as such has been ordered or undertaken at the instance of the Government. However, the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, collects statistics in respect of Indian Manufacturers including Textile Manufacturers and brings out an annual publication entitled, "Report of census of Indian Manufacturers." Besides, the Textile Commissioner collects from time to time statistics in respect of Cotton Textile, Woollen and Art Silk Industries.

(c) The information as available in the Textile Commissioner's records is given below:—

Name of industry	Number of mills units registered	Estimated No. of workers
Cotton Textile	463	9,40,000
Woollen	118	17,000
Art Silk	4,000	60,000
	<u>4,581</u>	<u>10,17,000</u>

Handloom Cloth

775. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of accumulated stock of handloom cloth held by the various primary and State Handloom Co-operative Societies in different States upto the 31st October, 1957; and

(b) whether the State Handloom Co-operative Societies are pressing