

(b) the names of countries from which the imports were made and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon; and

(c) the position of their import this year?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) A statement showing number of licences issued during the licensing periods January-June, 1957, July-September, 1957 and October, 1957-March, 1958 (upto 15th March, 1958) for the import of watches and watch goods is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Statement I, Appendix VIII, annexure No. 105.] Information regarding the quantity imported against these licences is not available.

(b) and (c). A statement showing country-wise imports (quantity and value) of watches and watch goods during January-March, 1957 and April-November, 1957 is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Statement II, Appendix VIII, annexure No. 103] Statistics for period subsequent to November, 1957 are not yet available.

Employment Exchanges

3170. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduates unemployed registered with the Employment Exchange in Punjab during 1957-58; and

(b) the number of persons actually provided with employment during the same period.

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 4,814.

(b) 793.

Mobile Weaving and Dyeing Demonstration Units

3171. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile weaving and dyeing demonstration units have been established to improve methods of weaving and

dyeing in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of units established and the names of places in the hills and the valley which have been visited by the units?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) So far as the Handloom Board is concerned, no mobile weaving and dyeing demonstration units have been established. Assistance from the Cess Fund has, however, been given to existing weaving travelling demonstration parties in the Punjab maintained by the State Government. No such demonstration parties were established in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Government Projects in Punjab

3172. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new vacancies created by the Central Government Projects in Punjab during the year 1957-58;

(b) the number of vacancies filled through the Employment Exchanges; and

(c) the number of vacancies out of them filled by the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The information asked for is not available.

Ambar Charkha Centres

3173. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of persons receiving training in the Ambar Charkha Centres in Punjab at present?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Upto the end of March, 1958, the number of persons receiving training