

Shifting of Offices to Nagpur

3454. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 280 on the 19th February, 1958 and state:

(a) when certain offices in Delhi are likely to be shifted to Nagpur;

(b) whether it includes the office of the Chief Inspector of Explosives; and

(c) if so, when the said office is likely to be shifted?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The move of the offices, proposed to be shifted to Nagpur from Delhi, is likely to commence in May—July, 1958.

(b) Yes.

(c) During May—July, 1958.

Lajpat Rai Market

3455. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 734 on the 27th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the shops in the New Lajpat Rai Market at Delhi have been allotted; and

(b) if not, how the allotments will be made?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Iron Ore

3456. Shri Bimal Ghose: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the export of iron ore during 1957-58;

(b) the quantity of iron ore actually exported during 1957-58; and

(c) the reason for the gap, if any, between the target and actual performance?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) The State Trading Corporation of India has been asked by Government to increase the exports of Iron Ore from the country to the maximum possible extent.

(b) A quantity of 17,06,424 tons has been exported during the period July, 1957 to March, 1958.

(c) Recently the tempo of shipments has somewhat slowed down because of the recession in world steel production, and consequently in the demand for iron ore. Nevertheless, by the end of June, 1958, it is expected that about 2.2 to 2.3 million tons would be exported, as compared with 2.13 million tons in 1956-57.

External Publicity

**3457. { Shri Dinesh Singh:
Shri Vajpayee:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the formation of a new service to man the External Publicity Division; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Missions Abroad

3458. Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of financial irregularities on the part of senior officers serving in the Missions abroad have been reported by the Foreign Service Inspectorate in their last report;

(b) how many of these cases have been investigated; and