

### 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

(c) what action has been taken in these cases?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) No specific case of financial irregularity by any particular officer has been reported by Foreign Service Inspectors;

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Two cases of irregular drawal of Exchange Compensation Allowance, however, came to the notice of the Ministry. In both cases, the officers concerned have been directed to refund the Exchange Compensation Allowance irregularly drawn.

#### Import of Plywood

**3459. Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of plywood is imported into India;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity imported yearly;

(c) the value of the same in Indian currency; and

(d) how far it has been possible to stop this import by producing local plywood or homogenous wood in the country?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 154].

(d) The import was restricted to 5 per cent. quota in 1953 and since July 1957 it has been totally stopped. There is sufficient capacity in the country to meet our requirements of both commercial and tea chest plywood.

#### Vividh Bharati Programmes

**3460. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vividh Bharati programmes broadcast from Madras

Station are recorded in Bombay and the tape-records are sent to Madras;

(b) if so, the expenses incurred in recording the programmes during October, 1957 to March, 1958 and for transporting such records to Madras; and

(c) the method of transporting the records to Madras?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (c). There appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the procedure for preparing the programmes of 'Vividh Bharati'. The items for this programme are selected by a central selection unit, which for the moment is located in Bombay, out of hundreds of items prepared by every Station of the A.I.R. The Stations prepare the items according to a detailed directive. The selections from the Stations, recorded on tapes, are sent to the Central unit for the final selection. After final selection, two copies of the programme are prepared and sent to the high power transmitters at Madras and Bombay for simultaneous transmission. The location of the centre at Bombay is accidental. It is now proposed to bring the Central unit for the 'Vividh Bharati' to Delhi.

(b) It is not possible to calculate exactly the expenditure on the recording of programmes as most of the programmes are selected from the normal programmes of the various Stations of All India Radio and which form part of their normal activities. The expenditure for transporting copies of the records to Madras amounted to Rs. 875 approximately during the period October 1957 to March 1958.

#### Documentary Films

**3461. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of documentary films produced in the country so far; and