

November, 1957 are given in the statement placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure 156]. Figures for the months December 1957 to March 1958 are not yet ready.

Export of Wool and Woollen Goods

3465. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from which we are facing competition in the wool and the woollen goods in foreign markets; and

(b) whether there has been any decrease or increase in their export in 1957-58?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) In regard to Raw Wool the competition is mainly from Pakistan, Persia, Iraq and Iran are the main competitors for Handloom carpets and rugs and U.K., U.S.A., Belgium and Ireland for Powerloom carpets and rugs. In woollen fabrics competitive imports are mainly from Japan, U.K. and Italy.

(b) Figures of exports for 1957-58 are available for the 8 months ending November, 1957, only, and compared to the corresponding period in 1956-57 there was an improvement.

Export of Sewing Machines

3466. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from which we are facing competition in the export of sewing machines; and

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the export of sewing machines during 1957?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) Mainly from Japan, U.S.A., U.K. and West Germany.

(b) There has been an increase.

Village Housing Projects in Punjab

3467. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Housing Projects allotted to the Punjab State during 1958-59; and

(b) the number proposed to be allotted during the Second Five Year Plan period for that State?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). The number of villages allotted to the Punjab for setting up of Village Housing Projects during 1958-59 is 60 (including 20 allotted to them last year). The allocation for the Plan period is 200 villages.

Central Training Institutes of Instructors

3468. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central Training Institutes of Instructors at present in Punjab with capacity of each; and

(b) the number of such institutes to be opened during the Second Five Year Plan period in Punjab?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Nil.

(b) At present there is no proposal for establishing any such Institute in Punjab.

Manufacture of Wooden Toys

3469. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to develop training in the manufacture of wooden toys in Kangra district of the Punjab; and