

(c) Being utility or consumer item, it is difficult to estimate the demand of the country. The total production and the quantity imported may be taken as the demand. The value of import during the 8 months ending August, 1957 was Rs. 10 lakhs.

Indian Delegation to U.N. General Assembly

59. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the total amount of money spent by Government on the Indian Delegation to the 12th Session of United Nations General Assembly concluded in December, 1957?

The Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The actual figure is not yet available, but it was estimated that a sum of Rs. 3,78,000 would be spent.

Transmission Executives in A.I.R.

60. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where the posts of Transmission Assistants were replaced by the posts of Transmission Executives;

(b) the number of persons selected for the posts of Transmission Executives; and

(c) the number of those selected from existing officers of the A.I.R.?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Thirty-two.

(b) and (c). Eight posts reserved in the promotion quota have been filled by departmental candidates. Applications for the remaining 24 posts to be filled by direct recruitment have been called for. The interviews of candidates will commence shortly.

Officers in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

61. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the shortage of suitable officers for promotion in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in place of the retired ones;

(b) whether any representation has been made that re-employment of retired officers is injurious to the interests of those who are ripe for promotion, and

(c) the extra expenditure involved in the re-employment of retired officers?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) There has been no shortage of suitable officers in so far as promotions are concerned;

(b) No representation has been received in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry against re-employment of retired officers,

(c) No extra expenditure is involved in re-employment

National Development Council

62. { Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Shri Barman:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Punnoose:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the subjects discussed at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Development Council held in January, 1958;

(b) the important suggestions and recommendations made by it; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to implement those recommendations?

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): (a) At the meeting held on January 12,