

which the National Laboratories can be utilised. The Director of the National Physical Laboratory was a Member of the old Atomic Energy Commission, which has just been superseded, and is the Chairman of the Board of Research in Nuclear Science, which is a Standing Advisory Committee of the Department of Atomic Energy. In addition, other scientific and technical officers of the National Laboratories are members of the various advisory committees of the Department, and vice versa. There is thus close liaison between the two organisations.

Employment Exchanges in Punjab

1548. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in Punjab State during 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the percentage of persons registered who have been provided with employment, trade-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 1,24,705 during April, 1957—January, 1958.

(b) Percentage of placement to registrations for all categories of applicants is 14.7. Trade-wise information is not available.

Foreign Trade Credits

1549. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the details of Rs. 2.7 crores shown as outstanding on the 30th June, 1957 on account of Foreign Trade Credits?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): The amounts were outstanding against the National Bank of Egypt, Cairo on account of credits extended to the financing of Indian Exports to Egypt in the wake of Suez crisis.

State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.

1550. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total value of business done by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd. departmentally without any part of the deal having been worked through the established business houses of distribution, handling and brokerage?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): The total value of the business done by the State Trading Corporation departmentally is:—

Ores	...Rs. 31,72,70,874 (up to 31-1-58)
Other than	
Ores	Rs. 2,89,77,893 (up to 31-12-57)

State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.

1551. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total quantity of exports made by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd. since its inception in regard to Manganese Ore:

(i) with Manganese percentage 45% and above;

(ii) with Manganese percentage below 45%?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): The total quantity of manganese ore exported by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd. since its inception, that is from 1st July 1956 to 31st January, 1958 is 3,89,464 tons. Of this

(i) 2,32,138 tons is of ore analysing 45% grade and above and

(ii) 1,57,328 tons is of ore analysing below 45% grade.