

Gandhiji's Writings and Speeches

511. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have been asked to send documents in original of Gandhiji's speeches, writings and letters for compilation in volumes; and

(b) if so, whether any financial assistance is being given for the purpose?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. V. Keskar): (a) and (b). In the cause of the search for material regarding Gandhiji's works, State Governments have also been asked to get any material that might become available in that area through a special committee. No financial assistance is being given but if it becomes necessary to incur any expenditure later on it will be considered in the light of material that becomes available.

United Mineral Workers' Union, Gua

512. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated the 5th November, 1957 from the Action Committee of the United Mineral Workers' Union, Gua of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the demands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government?

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

(b) Main demands are in respect of increase in wages and dearness allowance, payment of Raising and Attendance bonus to all workers, con-

firmation of all workers and recognition of the United Mineral Workers' Union.

(c) It appears that the union has not been registered. Further information is being obtained from the Conciliation Officer concerned.

Employment of Prisoners

513. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Governments have plans and schemes for the employment of the prisoners in the development works of the States; and

(b) if so, which are those States?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). There are no specific schemes in the Second Five Year Plan for the employment of prisoners. It is, however, understood that in some States there has been an attempt in recent years to employ prisoners on constructive works of public utility and national importance with a view to improving the methods of dealing with them. 'Prisons' is a State subject and we have no authoritative or comprehensive information on this subject at the Centre.

Manufacture of Cars

514. Shri Muhammed Elias: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many big cars above 18 H. P. have been produced in India since 1947; and

(b) how many small cars below 17 H.P. have so far been produced in India during the same period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). Production figures with details of horse-power are available only from 1954, they are as under for cars (including station wagon types)—

Year of Production	1954	1955	1956	1957
(i) above 18 H. P.	1,612	2,312	2,657	1,196
(ii) below 17 H. P.	3,823	7,954	11,009	11,016