

### Training in Handicrafts

**61. Shri Vajpayee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes for training in handicrafts have been submitted by the State Governments,

(b) if so, the names of the States and the main features of the schemes submitted by them,

(c) whether any of the schemes have been approved by the Central Government, and

(d) the amount, if any, sanctioned by the Central Government to these States?

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

(a) to (d) In 1958-59, 58 schemes for training in handicrafts, including training-cum-production, have been submitted by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Mysore, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal Government have approved these schemes and a total grant of Rs 7,52,306 has been sanctioned to the State Governments for the implementation of 41 schemes. The amount of financial assistance to be given in respect of the remaining 17 schemes is still under consideration.

The main features of the schemes submitted by the State Governments are imparting of training in improved methods and better techniques of production and in production of handicrafts articles, which are in need of intensive development.

There is a provision in almost all the schemes of awarding stipends ranging from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 per month to each trainee. On completion of training, the trainees are encouraged to form co-operative societies with financial assistance as prescribed by Government from time to time.

### Refined Oil

**62. Shri Ramam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether Government consider refined oil as edible oil; and

(b) if so, what quantity of refined oil is being exported as edible oil?

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

(a) Refined oil can be edible or non-edible, depending on what oils are refined.

(b) During 1957, the export of four major refined edible oils, viz, linseed, cottonseed, coconut and mustard was 467,718 cwts valued at about Rs 3 crores.

### Export of Cotton

**63. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 2603 on the 22nd April, 1958 and state the names of the countries to which exports of cotton have been made?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** Exports of cotton have been made during the current cotton season beginning from September, 1957 upto April, 1958 to the following countries.

- 1 Belgium
- 2 France
- 3 Holland
- 4 Japan
- 5 UK
- 6 USA
- 7 Italy
- 8 West Germany
- 9 Australia
- 10 Canada
- 11 Hongkong
- 12 Norway

### New Talents in A.I.R., Jullundur

**64. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number