

of new talents discovered by the A.I.R. Jullunder during 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): 1957-58—212.

1958-59..... 70.

(During the first three months)

Import of Automobiles

65. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of automobiles imported into India during 1958 so far (i) on Government Account and (ii) on Private Account;

(b) the total value of these imports under each head; and

(c) the names of the foreign countries from which they have been imported and the extent of import from each?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). Separate statistics of imports on Government account and Private account are not maintained. However, a statement showing country-wise imports of different kinds of automobiles during 1958 (January-April) is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 36.] Import figures for the subsequent period are not yet available.

Diplomatic Relations

66. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of countries with whom India has established diplomatic relations during 1958 so far?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): One country, Tunisia.

Export of Engineering Goods

67. Shri Jagannatha Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of engineering goods exported during the year 1957 and in the first half of 1958; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to boost up exports of the engineering goods?

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

(a) The exports of engineering goods during the year 1957 and in the first half of 1958 have been of the value of Rupees 434 crores and 1.93 crores, respectively.

(b) A statement showing the steps taken by Government to promote the exports of engineering goods is attached [See Appendix I, annexure No 37.]

Export of Lac Goods

68. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of lac goods exported during 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far; and

(b) the names of the countries to which these were exported?

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

(a) The exports of all kinds of lac during 1957-58 and in April, 1958 amounted to 5.43 lakh cwts. and 40,000 cwts., respectively. The figures in respect of the further months of 1958-59 are not yet available.

(b) The countries to which the exports were made are the United States of America, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Japan, U.S.S.R., the People's Republic of China, Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Spain, Rumania, Greece, Ceylon, Singapore, Hongkong, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Burma, Indonesia, Thailand, South Vietnam, Philippines,