

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Mineral Industry Association, Nagpur, pressing for the abolition of the export duty on high grade manganese ore; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### **Educated Unemployed**

**330. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of educated unemployed registered with the Employment Exchanges in Punjab State as on 30th June, 1958?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** 16,961.

#### **Training in Handicrafts in Mysore**

**331. Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved any schemes for training in handicrafts in Mysore State;

(b) if so, where these schemes will be implemented; and

(c) the nature of the schemes?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 127].

#### **International Atomic Energy Agency**

**332. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Atomic Energy Agency is preparing a Manual of Safe Practice for isotope users; and

(b) if so, the main feature of this Manual?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes.

(b) The Manual will contain advice on safety and medical supervision, monitoring and protection, decontamination, waste collection and disposal, storage and transportation within an institution, handling of sealed sources and work with unsealed sources.

#### **Sericulture in Punjab**

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

(a) the amount sanctioned to the Punjab Government for the development of sericulture during 1958-59; and

(b) the amount asked for by the State Government during the same period?

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

(a) The allotment of Central assistance for 1958-59 is Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. 1,75,000 as grant and Rs. 25,000 as loan) for the development of the sericulture industry in Punjab. So far, a grant of Rs. 96,365/- has been sanctioned for the implementation of six schemes.

(b) Rs. 6,45,402/-.

#### **Cooperative Movement in India**

**334. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Sanganna:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2071 on the 7th May, 1958 and state:

(a) the main recommendations of the report on the Co-operative Movement in India submitted by the Colombo Plan Consultant to the Planning Commission; and

(b) whether these have since been examined?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) A summary of the main recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 128.]

(b) The recommendations in regard to Co-operative Training have been accepted; others are under examination.

#### Auctioning of Evacuee Properties

335. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of evacuee properties auctioned in India since 1st April, 1958, month-wise so far; and

(b) the amount of money realised therefrom?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) 8,105 properties as follows:—

	No. of evacuee properties auctioned
April, 1958 . . . . .	2,524
May, 1958 . . . . .	3,049
June, 1958 . . . . .	2,532
	8,105

Figures for July, 1958 onwards are not yet available.

(b) Rs. 1,99,28,167 as follows:—

	Amount realised
	Rs.
April, 1958 . . . . .	67,49,270
May, 1958 . . . . .	69,82,901
June, 1958 . . . . .	61,95,996
TOTAL Rs. . . . .	1,99,28,167

Figures for July, 1958 onward are not yet available.

#### Production of Khadi in Punjab

336. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the quantity of Khadi produced in Punjab during 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The total quantity of Khadi produced in Punjab during 1956-57 and 1957-58 was 95·92 lakhs sq. yds. and 135·40 lakhs sq. yds., respectively.

#### Manufacture of Sewing Machines

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

(a) the names of the companies producing sewing machines in India; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of sewing machines?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 129.]

(b) The following steps have been taken:—

(i) Special preference is being given to Small Scale Manufacturers who are allowed to import components not exceeding Rs. 10/- per machine per year. In addition, technical assistance is rendered by the Small Industries Service Institutes to adopt modern and correct methods of production and guidance is also given in Electroplating and heat treatment processes. Facilities are provided through the Extension Service Centres for manufacture of jigs, tools and fixtures, wherever such Extension Centres have started functioning.

(ii) All necessary help, by way of allowing import of raw materials which are not available indigenously, is being given to the firms, subject to the availability of foreign exchange.

(iii) Indigenous allocation of raw materials like steel and pig iron is made to the firms to enable them to carry on the production. Also each