

the beginning of March to the end of April each year; no statistics have been maintained; roughly it may be about 7.0 lac cubic feet annually.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The grass obtained from lawns is taken away by mowing contractors or auctioned; hedge clippings are carted away by the Municipal Authorities.

(f) Government have already considered this aspect but found a general scheme of this nature uneconomical; in certain places, however, leaves etc. are being collected in pits for use as manure.

#### Employment Exchanges, Punjab

2255. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who got employment in the Punjab State through the different Employment Exchanges from the 1st January to 31st August, 1958; and

(b) the number of applications pending with the different Employment Exchanges in the State at present?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 19,908.

(b) 51,138 as on 31st August, 1958.

#### Pilgrims from Pakistan

2256. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of pilgrims from Pakistan who attended the religious fairs in India during the current year so far?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): 725 pilgrims from West Pakistan have so far this year attended religious fairs in India as members of officially sponsored parties. In addition 3021 pilgrims visited Ajmer 'Urs' individually.

#### Stock of Cloth with Amritsar Mills

2257. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of accumulation of stock of cloth with textile mills in Amritsar (Punjab); and

(b) how far it is responsible in creating unemployment problem at Amritsar in the Punjab?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). There is at present only one composite cotton textile mill at Amritsar, namely M/s. Dayalbagh Spinning and Weaving Mills. The unsold stocks of cloth with this mill at the end of August, 1958 amounted to 380 bales. This stock is only 2½ months' production of this mill, which is not considered excessive. The number of labourers employed by the mill is only 360 and the Government have no information whether the stock position of the mills has created any unemployment in the labour force.

#### Iron and Manganese Ore Mines in Orissa

2258. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total labour strength in the iron and manganese ore mines in Orissa in 1957; and

(b) the total labour strength in the iron and manganese ore mines in Orissa in July 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Iron Ore Mines—15,684.

Manganese Ore Mines—16,190.

(b) Information is not available.

#### Industrial Estate, Malagaon (Bombay)

2259. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the setting up of an industrial estate at