

(b) the number of such posts against which persons have been appointed from public life; and

(c) the number of such posts which are manned by I.C.S. Officers?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) 44.

(b) 16.

(c) 19 (which includes one retired I.C.S. officer and 16 permanently seconded to I.F.S.).

#### **Enquiry Committee on Salt Industry**

529. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri N. R. Munisamy:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nine-man committee to enquire into the working of the Salt industry in the country and to recommend measures for its development has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Employees in Cement Factories**

530. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the estimated number of employees in the cement factories in India at present?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** About 22,800.

#### **General Post Office in Parliament Street**

531. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the time taken in the construction of the multi-storeyed building for General Post Office in Parliament Street in New Delhi;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the construction so far; and

(c) the accommodation to be provided in the building?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) The building has been under construction for about 2½ years. It is expected that it will be ready within the next three months.

(b) Rs. 25.4 lakhs.

(c) 2.05 lakh sq. ft.

#### **Employment Exchanges**

532. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ramam:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered with the Employment Exchanges as on the 30th June, 1958;

(b) the number of persons registered with the various Employment Exchanges in the country during 1957-58; and

(c) the number of those who have been provided with jobs during 1957-58?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) 10,01,573.

(b) 18,67,185.

(c) 2,03,407.

#### **Coir-mats in Government Buildings**

533. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any circular from the Commerce and Industry Ministry to use,