

Establishment of Presses in South India

561. **Shri Thanulingam Nadar:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1222 on the 13th March, 1958 and state:

(a) whether lands have been acquired for establishing the proposed two presses in South India;

(b) what further steps have been taken to establish the presses; and

(c) when are they likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes.

(b) No progress could be made due to the non-availability of foreign exchange for the import of machinery for the presses.

(c) No definite date can be given at this stage.

Central Government's Offices Buildings in Hyderabad and Bangalore

562. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals under the consideration of Government to build multi-storeyed Buildings at Hyderabad and Bangalore to accommodate Central Government Offices (now in rented buildings) in those places;

(b) if so, whether estimates and plans have been prepared;

(c) when the work is to begin; and

(d) what rent is being paid at present at these two places?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) to (c). There is no proposal, at present to construct office buildings in the General Pool at these places. Efforts are however being made to secure

suitable plots of land at Hyderabad and Bangalore. If these succeed, the question of putting up buildings there will be considered. Meanwhile, the Postal Department have a plan for construction of the Head Post Office building at Hyderabad. The estimate is being examined by that Department. The Income-Tax and Central Excise Department also have sanctioned an estimate for an office building at Bangalore and the work is expected to commence shortly.

(d) At Bangalore. About Rs. 9,600 p.m.

At Hyderabad: About Rs. 7,700 p.m.

Supply of Sewing Machines to Yugoslavia

563. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Shivananjappa:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract has been signed between India and Yugoslavia for the supply of about 48,000 sewing machines to Yugoslavia;

(b) if so, the main features of the contract; and

(c) the estimated Foreign Exchange earnings as a result of this deal?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). A contract has been entered into for the supply of 47,500 machine-heads to Yugoslavia. The deliveries are to be completed by December, 1959. Payments will be made through the special rupee account maintained by the Yugoslav Trading Organization in India.

(c) Does not arise as the earnings are in rupees.