

**Raid by Pakistanis on Tripura Border**

580. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani raids made in border regions of Tripura during the last one year;

(b) the places where these raids took place;

(c) the steps taken by Government in this connection; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such raids in future?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) The number of incidents as reported by the Tripura Administration involving trespass, assault on Indian nationals, cattle-lifting, thefts etc. during the period from the 1st August, 1957 to 31st July, 1958 is 49.

(b) A statement showing names of places where these incidents took place is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 48.]

(c) Protests were lodged under the Indo-Pakistan Agreement of December, 1948, by the District Magistrates concerned with their counterparts in East Pakistan. Serious incidents were, however, taken up with the East Pakistan Government by the Tripura Administration and also by the Government of India with the Government of Pakistan.

(d) Apart from issuing instructions to the border police to maintain greater vigilance, the Tripura Administration have strengthened, as far as possible, the border posts at appropriate points.

**Plastic Export Promotion Council**

581. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries visited by the delegation sponsored by the Plastic Export Promotion Council and when these visits took place;

(b) how for these visits improved the export position of plastic goods; and

(c) what is the value of export for the years 1956-57, 1957-58 country-wise?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) The Plastics and Linoleums Exports Promotion Council has so far sent two Delegations. The first Delegation visited the following countries:—

Countries	Date of visit
British East Africa . . .	March, 1957
Uganda . . . . .	March, 1957
Sudan . . . . .	March, 1957
Eritrea . . . . .	March, 1957
Ethiopia . . . . .	April, 1957
Aden . . . . .	April, 1957

The second Delegation visited the following countries:—

Ceylon . . . . .	March, 1958
Thailand . . . . .	March, 1958
Burma . . . . .	March, 1958
Malaya . . . . .	March, 1958
Singapore . . . . .	March-April, 1958
South Viet-Nam . . . . .	April, 1958
Hongkong . . . . .	April, 1958
Cambodia . . . . .	April, 1958

(b) and (c). A statement showing the value of exports of plastic goods for the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 (country-wise) is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha from which it will be observed that over all exports of plastic goods have increased during the year following the first Delegation's visit. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 49.] These visits have enabled us to convey to the foreign clients a clear picture of the high standards of production reached by industry and the prospects it offers.

**Small-Scale and Cottage Industries**

582. **Shri Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small-scale and cottage industries are being set up in