

(b) if so, the amount of financial aid given by the Central Government to this factory?

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

(a) Not, yet. The factory is under construction and is expected to go into production by the end of 1959.

(b) No financial assistance has been given by the Central Government.

#### Cotton Textile Mills in Bombay

**2453. Shri Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Cotton Textile mills in Bombay City have been closed down or have gone into liquidation;

(b) if so, the names of such mills and undertakings so closed down during the last one year;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the impact of such closure on the employment situation?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A statement showing the names of the cotton textile mills closed in Bombay City since 1957 giving the reasons of closure and the impact of such closure on the employment situation is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 27.]

#### Woollen Mill in Punjab

**2454. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a woollen mill is going to be established in Punjab;

(b) if so, the location thereof and the number of spindles and looms to be installed there; and

(c) the number of persons who will be employed in it?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Two new woollen spinning mills are likely to be established in Punjab.

(b) They are to be located at Ludhiana and Amritsar with 800 and 2,000 spindles respectively, to produce shoddy yarn. There are no looms involved.

(c) 350.

#### Food Targets

**2455. { Shri Sanganna:  
Shri Liladhar Kotoki:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the special steps, if any, taken by Government to step up the output of food in the States which are lagging behind the target as revealed in the report entitled "States Development Plans—Review of Progress"; and

(b) the additional financial assistance given to each State for this purpose?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 28.]

#### Export of Indian Films

**2456. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Films exported to Algeria and other French colonies in Africa during 1956, 1957 and 1958 so far; and

(b) what steps have been taken to increase the export of Indian Films to these countries?

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

(a) Information relating to the number of Indian films exported is not available, but it is known that in 1957, 4864 ft. of Indian Films valued at