

returns from mine managements and time taken in printing the report. All the necessary steps to avoid delay in these matters are being taken.

(c) and (d). The numbers of copies of the Report printed from 1940 onwards and the price per copy were as follows:—

Year	No. of copies printed	price per copy		
		Rs.		
1940	1090	1	12	0
1941	982	2	4	0
1942	1050	3	14	0
1943	1100	2	0	0
1944	1205	3	8	0
1945	1150	3	4	0
1946	1100	5	6	0
1947	1250	6	4	0
1948	1000	6	10	0
1949	700	12	12	0
1950	700	15	14	0
1951	370	17	14	0
1952	355	17	10	0
1953	385	23	8	0
1954	360	20	8	0
1955	320	54	0	0

Staff of the Indian High Commissioner in U.K.

2846. Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of staff under the Indian High Commissioner in U.K.; and

(b) the total number of such staff in August, 1957 and April, 1954?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 1268 as on 31.3.1958.

(b) 1243 on 31.3.1957 and 1247 on 31.3.1954.

Remittances to India from Heads of Indian Missions Abroad

2847. Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether remittances sent to India by Heads of Missions and other members of the staff are free of all taxes?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The remittances are subject to taxes in accordance with current Indian Income-Tax Laws.

If an officer/member of staff is posted abroad from Headquarters in the middle of the financial year, his remittances to India for the balance of the financial year he spends abroad are subject to Indian Income Tax Laws. Thereafter, remittances for full financial years he spends abroad are not subject to Indian taxes. Similar is the case of officers posted to Headquarters in the middle of the financial year.

Foreign Service Inspectors

2848. Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state which countries were visited by the Foreign Service Inspectors on their last tour?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): During their last tour, the Foreign Service Inspectors visited the following countries:—

Austria, Burma, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden & United Kingdom.

Foreign Service Allowance

2849. Shri S. A. Mehdi: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether the Ministry of External Affairs have decided to discontinue all statements submitted by Heads of Missions and their staff in connection with Foreign Allowance?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes, if the word "all" refers to entertainment statements submitted by Heads of Missions and the remittance statements of all officers and staff.