

implementation of the assurance has been sent to the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for being laid on the Table of the House

Employment Exchanges

171. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes applicants registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country during the year 1957 and 1958 so far; and

(b) how many of them have been provided employment?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b) The information is given below —

Year/Period	Registrations	Placements
1	2	3
1957	1,93,681	27,372
1958 (Jan-Sept)	1,93,671	26,452

Construction of Gandhi Samadhi

172. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1056 on the 9th September, 1958 and state the progress made so far in the finalisation of the plans for the construction of the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): The architect of the approved design is preparing detailed plans for the 1st phase of the work. The plans are expected to be made available to Government some time in February, 1959.

Indians in Pretoria

173. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government is aware that according to press reports Indians in Pretoria, now a "Self-supporting community" will be reduced to "complete poverty and dependency, involving hardship on men, women and children", under the Group Areas Act; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, we have seen press reports

(b) The matter is being pursued in the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is the only international forum where it can be raised.

Textile Mills

174. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the number of textile mills in India which have been started again after they had served their notices of closure,

(b) the places where they are located,

(c) the number of textile mills which have not started again after the expiry of their closure notices;

(d) the places where they are located, and

(e) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to restart the closed mills?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b) During the period 1st January, 1958 to 4th November, 1958, there were in all 22 cotton textile mills which served notices of closure

but subsequently withdrew the same and continued working. A statement giving the names of the mills and their location is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 51.]

(c) and (d) During the same period, 20 cotton textile mills finally closed down. A statement giving their names and location is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 52.] Two of these 20 mills have recently restarted working.

(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 53.]

Photographic Materials

175. { Shri D C Sharma:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Keshava:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 247 on the 19th August 1958 and state the progress made with regard to the manufacture of photographic materials and 35mm film strip projectors in the country?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 54.]

Works Committees

176. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Barman:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1637 on the 25th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the proposed study group to go into the functioning of works committees in the country has since been appointed; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). No study group has yet been appointed. The subject is under consideration.

Export Promotion Committee for Films

177. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 15 on the 11th August, 1958 and state at what stage is the proposal for setting up of an Export Promotion Committee for films?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The formation of the Export Promotion Committee for films is near completion. A meeting of the Committee is being called shortly.

Salt Industry

178. { Shri S C Samanta:
Shri Barman:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 529 on 19th August, 1958 and 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 since submitted its report,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which places in West Bengal and Orissa region they visited,

(d) whether the undeveloped Sunderban areas in West Bengal were visited by them, and

(e) the total expenditure incurred on the Committee?