

(b) A statement is given below

STATEMENT

Large Sector. A Panel was constituted by the Government of India in January 1956 to examine the question of the development of manufacture of surgical instruments and appliances in the country. The Panel submitted its report in February 1957. The recommendations of the Panel are under examination of the Government.

Small Sector. A model workshop has been set up attached to Small Industries Service Institute, Bombay for development of the manufacture of surgical instruments and appliances in the country. A foreign Consultant has been attached to the above Institute for preparation of drawings, designs, moulds and dies and prototypes of the surgical instruments to be taken up for manufacture by Indian entrepreneurs. Arrangements are also made in this model workshop for training the personnel in the correct methods and technique to be adopted in the production of surgical instruments. This model workshop will provide designs and manufacturing methods needed in the production of surgical instruments in the country.

Companies in Punjab

1194. { Shri Ram Krishan
Shri D C Sharma

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the total number of companies registered in Punjab during 1958-59 so far, district-wise,

(b) the total capital invested in these companies, and

(c) the number of companies that were wound up in Punjab during the above period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c) During the first eleven months of 1958-59, 27 companies with a total authorised capital of Rs 65.56

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lakhs have been registered in the State of Punjab. The number of companies reported so far to have gone into liquidation in the same period is 42.

NOTE.—The names of newly registered companies together with other particulars, such as, *situation of registered office* (which will show the district), industrial classification, names of managing agents, secretaries and treasurers, managing directors, directors, etc., objects, authorised, subscribed and paid-up capital, etc., are regularly published in the Monthly Blue Books on Joint Stock Companies in India, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Exports to U.S.A.

1195. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state—

(a) the value of India's exports to the U.S.A. during 1957-58, and

(b) the value of India's imports from the U.S.A. during 1957-58?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b) The value of India's exports to and imports from the U.S.A. during 1957-58 are as follows—

Exports including re-exports Rs 13,800.51 lakhs

Imports Rs 16,625.32 lakhs

Training of Indians in Atomic Energy in U.S.A.

1196. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri D. C. Sharma.

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the Institutions in U.S.A. where Indian students are being trained in peaceful uses of Atomic Energy, and

(b) the number of students being trained there?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The Department of Atomic Energy has not given financial assistance to any student for training in U.S.A. in the peaceful uses of Atomic Energy. However, eleven scientists and engineers of the Atomic Energy Commission are at present receiving training in the peaceful uses of atomic energy in the following institutions in U.S.A.:-

- (1) The International School of Nuclear Science and Engineering, Argonne National Laboratory, U.S.A.
- (2) Vanderbilt University, U.S.A.
- (3) The Shippingport Atomic Power Station, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- (4) Laboratories of the Geological Survey and Atomic Energy Commission, U.S.A.

Information regarding other Indian students not sponsored by the Department of Atomic Energy and who may be studying in these or other similar institutions is not readily available.

Labour Co-operative Societies in Bombay

1197. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the amount allotted by the Central Government for assistance to Labour Co-operative Societies in Bombay during 1958-59 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): Rs. 1,85,500 is expected to be allotted to Forest Labour Cooperative Societies and Labour Contract Societies during 1958-59 depending on the actual expenditure incurred.

Educated Unemployed in Bombay

1198. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of unemployed graduates, intermediates and matriculates on the live registers

of the Employment Exchanges in Bombay at present?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): The information is given below:-

Category	Number on the Live Register as on 31st December, 1958
(1)	(2)
Graduates	4,186
Intermediates	3,731
Matriculates	44,821
TOTAL	51,738

Pilgrims

1199. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims from both wings of Pakistan who attended the religious fairs in India during 1958-59; and

(b) the facilities provided by the Indian Government for Pakistani pilgrims?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) During the period from 1st January, 1958 to February 22, 1959, 1711 pilgrims from West Pakistan visited shrines in India in officially sponsored pilgrim parties. In addition, 3925 pilgrims visited Ajmer in their individual capacity. During the same period, 542 pilgrims from East Pakistan were granted visas to visit shrines in West Bengal

(b) In the case of officially sponsored pilgrim parties, Government of