

(a) whether the posting of an Assistant Salt Commissioner at Bera-hampur in Orissa has since been made; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) be in negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) No, Sir

(b) There is already an Assistant Salt Commissioner, with head quarters at Calcutta, whose responsibility it is to look after the entire Bengal-Orissa region. One of the Superintendent posted at Humma in Orissa is working under him and is meant solely for the Humma Salt Circle (Orissa). This is working satisfactorily.

Stoppage of Work at Calcutta Dock

1244. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of Calcutta Dockers stopped work on the 15th February, 1959 for about eight hours as protest of non-fulfilment of their demands which affected loading and unloading of 47 ships?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): There was partial stoppage of work by a section of the registered workers of the Calcutta Dock Labour Board on 15-2-1959. In the day shift out of 2091 workers booked for work, 786 left work, while in the afternoon shift out of 2007 workers booked for work, 580 left work and did not report till 6-30 p.m. The number of ships affected was as follows —

Shift	No of ships ready for work	No of ships fully affected	No of ships partially affected
Day shift	32	5	27
Afternoon shift	28		23

The decision of the Dock Labour Board that number of the indentivity card of every worker should be made distinct by pasting a slip containing the serial number in the indentivity cards was mis-interpreted by the workers by certain disgruntled elements and caused the strike.

Manufacture of Clocks and Watches

1245 Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the panel of experts set up to recommend the lines on which the manufacture of clocks and watches should be developed in India has submitted its report, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Trade Promotion Organisation in Europe

1246 Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a special trade promotion organisation in Europe in order to explore, possibilities of export of Indian goods, and

(b) if so, the details of such schemes?

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

(a) Government have decided to set up an Indian Trade Promotion Organisation in Frankfurt with a view to promoting, in the first instance, Indian exports to West Germany.

(b) The Indian Trade Promotion Organisation will be established at Frankfurt in the Federal Republic of Germany. Preliminary arrangements for setting up the organisation have been completed and steps have been