

- (b) if so, what are those steps; and
- (c) the number of new agreements likely to be executed during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken:—

- (i) The State Trading Corporation of India (P) Ltd., has established contacts with the Trading Organisations of these Countries.
- (ii) Commercial Representatives are posted at the Indian Embassies at Moscow, Peking, Warsaw and Prague. They remain in constant touch with the purchasing organisations in respect of the country/countries under their jurisdiction.
- (iii) Frequent meetings are held with the officials of Commercial Representations of these countries in India, at which various business proposals and the difficulties in the way of increase of take of Indian goods are discussed and mutually acceptable solutions evolved.
- (iv) It is hoped that the new Trade Agreements concluded with the USSR and Poland would help to promote the development of balanced trade with these countries on a higher level. Negotiations are in progress for signing of similar agreements with some other countries. Copies of the Agreements with the USSR and Poland were placed on the table of the House on the 11th December, 1958
- (c) Fresh Trade Agreements are concluded as and when they are advantageous for mutual

Employment Exchange Delhi

2689. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a master plan to secure the maximum cooperation of the private sector in providing work for the registered unemployed in Delhi has been framed; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Investment in Industries

2690. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign investment in India (Industry-wise); and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase and substitute Indian capital in these industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) The latest figures compiled on foreign investment by the Reserve Bank of India were published in the Reserve Bank of India Bulletin of September, 1958 relating to the foreign investment as at the end of 1956. As and when a further census is made by the Reserve Bank of India, the results will be published by the Reserve Bank of India.

(b) It is the policy of the Government to encourage greater Indian capital participation wherever existing foreign investments have sought to expand and also in new foreign investments.

Youth Employment Service and Counselling Scheme

2691. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where the