

Export of Engineering Goods

1487. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the main items of engineering goods exported during 1958; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned thereby?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). In the official statistics published by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, there is no such general classification as 'Engineering Goods' which is too vague a term. Information in respect of value of individual items exported from India is published regularly in the 'Monthly Statistics of India's Foreign Trade'.

Export of Manganese Ore

1488. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of manganese ore during 1958 (State-wise); and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned thereby?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). Statewise export figures are not available. The total export of manganese ore during 1958 (January-November) was 8,36,000 tons valued at Rs. 1,411 lacs.

Import of Radio Sets

1489. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of radio sets imported during 1958; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange incurred thereon?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). There is a total ban on the commercial import of radios since October, 1957. However, as a part of

personal baggage, about 1,500 radios costing Rs. 4 lakhs have come in during January-November, 1958.

Passports for U.S.A.

1490. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued for U.S.A. during the last five years (year-wise); and

(b) the number of Indian immigrants at present in U.S.A.?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The number of passports issued for U.S.A. during the last five years (year-wise) is given below:—

1954	..	4255
1955	..	3987
1956	..	5141
1957	..	4331
1958	..	3653

(b) The total number of immigrants of Indian origin into the U.S.A. upto the end of June, 1958 is estimated to be 2,924.

Goa-Bombay Steamer Services

1491. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2208 on the 17th September, 1958 and state whether any decision has since been taken to start steamer services between Goa and Bombay?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The proposal is still under consideration but at present it is not likely to be accepted.

Indians in Burma

1492. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri K. U. Parmar:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2206 on the 17th September, 1958 and state the number of Indian nationals affected by the Land Nationalisation Act in Burma, who have been paid compensation

during the period July 1958 to the 31st January, 1959?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The number of Indian nationals affected by the Burmese Land Nationalisation Act is not known. The Government of Burma do not maintain nationality-wise statistics in this respect.

It is, however, informally understood that 298 claims from Indian nationals, involving a sum of Rs. 5,35,659, were paid during the period from the 1st July, 1958 to the 31st January 1959.

Export of Jute Goods

1493. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of Indian jute goods trade with Japan and Egypt during the year 1958-59 so far;

(b) whether there is any decline in the trade; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

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

(a) The value of jute goods exported to Egypt during January—November 1958 was nearly Rs. 2.4 crores; the volume of trade with Japan during the same period was "nil".

(b) Yes, Sir, so far as Egypt is concerned.

(c) No special steps have been considered in respect of Egypt.

As Japan has got her own Jute manufacturing industry, there is no possibility of trade in jute goods with that country.

Medium Industrial Estates in Orissa

1494. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up medium industrial Estates in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with their location?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The Orissa Government propose to set up five Industrial Estates during the Second Plan period. The location and estimated cost of these estates are given below. The Estate proposed for Rourkela is medium sized:—

<i>Location</i>	<i>Cost (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
Cuttack	33.69
Jharsuguda	5.97
Rourkela	12.44
Berhampur	6.13
Kendrapara	4.47
Total	62.70 lakhs.

Grant of Industrial Licences

1495. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is consulted before industrial licences are granted for new units;

(b) whether the opinion of the Planning Commission was taken before licences were given for Dunlops to start a Rubber Tyre factory at Madras or the Tata Italian combination to start a tyre factory in Bombay State; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for recommending such licences?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) No, but the Planning Commission is represented on the Licensing Committee set up under clause 10 of the Registration and Licensing of Industrial Undertakings Rules for making recommendations regarding the licensing of industrial units, and is specifically consulted if any important issue arises.

(b) The Planning Commission was not specifically consulted.

(c) The Licensing Committee recommended the grant of licences be-