

Soda-Ash Factories

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

(a) the number of Soda-Ash Factories established in India so far, and

(b) the number proposed to be established during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan?

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

(a) Two

(b) Three new units and the expansion of one of the existing factories

Competition to Export Trade from West Germany

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

(a) whether India's export trade is facing a competition from West Germany;

(b) if so, what are the commodities which are adversely affected and in which foreign markets, and

(c) the extent to which our export trade has been affected thereby?

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

(a) to (c) Both West Germany and India are exporters to European, Asian and African markets of certain types of manufactured goods such as cotton textiles, art silk fabrics and light engineering goods. Indian products in these markets face competition from several competitors other than West Germany also

Viet-Nam

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

(a) how many cases of complaints or irregularities were brought to the

notice of (i) Viet-Minh authorities and (ii) Viet-Nam authorities by the International Commission for Supervision and Control during the period August to December, 1958, and

(b) how many of them were dealt with satisfactorily?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b) The report of the International Commission for Supervision and Control for this period is still under preparation. As soon as it is published the answer will be available

Accidents in Coal Mines

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

(a) the number of accidents which took place in coal mines during the period from the 1st September to the 31st December, 1958,

(b) the number of casualties; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 970

(b) 74 killed and 933 seriously injured

(c) The information is not readily available

Loans for Construction of Houses in Delhi

441. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons in Delhi to whom loans were given for construction of houses during 1957-58 and 1958-59 under Low Income Group Housing Scheme,

(b) whether some persons among them already own houses;