

Economy

722. { Pandit J. P. Jyotishi.
Shri Bibhut Mishra:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state-

(a) what have been the austerity measures taken to bring about thrift and economy in the various Departments of the Government during the past year,

(b) what has been the effect of the same in terms of savings, and

(c) what further steps Government propose to take during the current year?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru). (a) and (b) Attention of the Hon'ble Members is invited to Stated Question Nos 742, 1081 and 2036, answered on the 9th August 1957, 13th December 1957 and 7th May 1958, respectively giving an account of the economy measures taken during 1957-58 and the savings actually effected during the year

(c) As was pointed out in reply to parts (b) and (c) of the Question No 2036 answered on the 7th May 1958 the budget estimates for the year 1958-59 had been framed in the context of the economy drive and had already been rigorously pruned at all levels leaving little scope for further cutting down. Even so the need for economy is constantly borne in mind whenever any developmental and other expenditure is actually incurred. The Central Economy Board and the Internal Economy Committees are continuously keeping a watch on all Government expenditure with a view to reducing expenditure on non-essential and less important items to the utmost extent possible.

A statement showing the financial effect of the measures adopted during the first six months of the current year is placed on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 21]

Embroidery and Tailoring Centre, Bhagyanagar (Mysore)

723. { Shri Agadi.
Shri Siddananjappa.

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an Embroidery and Tailoring Centre has been started with the aid of Union Government at Bhagyanagar in Koppal taluk of District Raichur, Mysore State and

(b) if so from what date?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri). (a) An Embroidery Centre (Production) has been started by the State Government of Mysore with financial assistance from the Central Government at Bhagyanagar

(b) The Centre was started on 17th March 1958

Kapurthala Plot in Kerala

724. { Shri A. K. Gopalan.
Shri Kodivan

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of India are in possession of a few acres of land known as the Kapurthala plot owned by the Government of Kerala,

(b) the amount of rent paid by the Government of India to Kerala for the occupation of the land

(c) when was the land originally occupied by the Government of India, and

(d) whether the Government of Kerala have asked for the vacation of the land?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy) (a) Yes

(b) No rent has yet been paid

(c) The land two plots measuring 5.973 and 0.755 acres in the compound