

approved the above scheme in March, 1958. The American Company raised some further questions and these have been replied to by the State Government in January, 1959. The final reply from the American Company is awaited by the State Government.

Community Radio Sets

962. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the value and number of community radio sets supplied to Punjab Government under the subsidy scheme so far?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): By 31st March, 1959, the Punjab Government will have been supplied 5910 Community radio sets under the subsidy Scheme of a value of about Rs. 15,73,000 (exclusive of incidental expenses, departmental charges etc.). The share of the Central Government's subsidy being about Rs 8 04,000

Second Five Year Plan

963. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the revised allocations in the Second Five Year Plan for:

- (i) construction of roads;
- (ii) construction of new railway lines;
- (iii) cement;
- (iv) fertilizer;

(b) the total amount spent so far under each of the above headings, year-wise, and

(c) the physical targets set for each together with the achievements made so far?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 67.]

Correspondence with Foreign Countries

964. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the countries use their own languages for correspondence with our country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the language used by India in reply to correspondence from them is English; and

(c) if so, why the reply is not given in India's national language, i.e., Hindi?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Foreign Governments in their correspondence with our Missions abroad generally use their own languages, while most of the Diplomatic Missions in India in correspondence with the Government of India use English

(b) Yes In some cases our Missions send unofficial translations in the national languages of the countries concerned

(c) Most of the Foreign Governments do not have facilities for translating the replies received by them in Hindi Hence Hindi is not adopted in correspondence with them either by our Missions abroad or by the Government of India.

Formal documents, like Letters of Accreditations, etc are sent in Hindi.

X-Ray Manufacturing Factories

965. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 258 on the 25th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the terms of foreign collaboration of X-ray manufacturing factories have since been scrutinised; and

(b) if so, the nature of the terms approved?

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

(a) *Large Scale Sector:* Of the three approved schemes, foreign collaboration terms have been scrutinised and agreed to in the case of two. They are Messrs. Escorts (Agents) P. Ltd., Delhi and Messrs. Siemens Engg. & Mfg. Co. of India P. Ltd., Bombay. In the case of the third firm, Messrs Radon House, Calcutta, no foreign collaboration is involved for the first phase of their manufacturing programme, for which approval has been given.

Small Scale Sector: In this sector only one scheme has been approved. The collaboration terms of this scheme are under scrutiny

(b) The general terms approved are broadly on the basis of some payment of royalty not exceeding five per cent, subject to Indian taxes.

Wage Map for Bombay and Kanpur

966. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1296 on the 11th December, 1958 and state the progress made so far in drawing up experimental wage maps for Bombay and Kanpur?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): State Governments are collecting the necessary data

Government Buildings on Parliament Street

967. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Post and Telegraph Buildings and other multi-storeyed Government buildings on Parliament Street have been constructed solely by the Central Public Works Department or whether any portion of them

were entrusted to private contractors; and

(b) what if any, is the value of work handled by private contractors?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The building [viz. A.I.R., Multi-storied (Phase 5) and D.G.P. & T. buildings] have been constructed by the C.P.W.D. through registered private contractors who are borne on the approved list.

(b) Rs 72.81 lakhs.

Exports to U.K.

968. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any improvement in the export of the Indian goods to the United Kingdom during the year 1958-59 so far in comparison with that of the year 1957-58; and

(b) whether the imports into India from the United Kingdom have declined during 1958-59 as compared to 1957-58?

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

(a) and (b). Statistics of India's exports to and imports from the U.K. are at present available only upto the month of November, 1958. The values for such exports and imports during the first eight months of 1958-59 (April-November, 1958) and the corresponding period of 1957-58 (April-November, 1957) are as follows:

(Value in lakhs of Rs.)

	April-November, 1957	April-November, 1958
Exports	1,04.16	1,13.65
Imports	1,53.91	98.39