२२८ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कुपा करेंगे कि सन् १६५४ के भारत-तिब्बत ब्यापार करार की धवधि बढ़ाने और उस में बंबोधन करने के सिलसिले में चीन सरकार से को बातचीत चल रही थी, उसमें इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है?

वाजिक्य तथा उद्योग उपमंत्री (भी सतीक्ष चन्द्र) बातचीत प्रव मी चल रही है।

All-India Footwear Institute, Agra
*2073. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an All-India footwear institute is to be established in Agra;
- (b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure of the institute; and
- (c) whether it will be managed by a German shoe expert loaned by the Ford Foundation?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

- (a) A Central Footwear Training Centre is proposed to be established at Agra shortly.
 - (b) Buildings Rs. 2 lakhs or so.

 Machinery & Equipment Rs. 2.15
 lakhs (approximately).

Recurring Expenditure Rs. 1,76,000 per annum.

(c) In the initial stages the Centre will have a few foreign experts along with Indian experts, but so far nobody has been recruited from abroad for this Centre.

Protection to Industries

3534. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend pro-

tection to some more industries during 1959; and

(b) if so, the names of such industries?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):
(a) and (b). The question of granting protection to industries which are not already protected or extending the beriod of protection to those that may already be protected can be considered only on receiving recommendations to that effect from the Tariff Commistion. It is not therefore possible at this stage to state whether any industry will be extended protection during 1959.

Match Industry

3535. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India ¹s self-sufficient in match, manufacture; and
- (b) if so, what steps Government bropose to take to export matches?

The Minister of Commerce and Iaquetry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the rable. [See Appendix VII, annexure bto. 49].

Food Output in Punjab

2536. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1710 on the 26th March, 1958 and state the approximate total quantity of foodgrains expected to be increased as a result of Projects which have been approved by the Planning Commission to increase the food output in Punjab State during the Second Five Year Plan Period?

The Deputy Minister of Phuning (Shri S. N. Mishra): The additional Production of foodgrains expected from the projects approved by the

Planning Commission in the Punjab State during the Second Five Year Plan is 14:40 lakh tons. This figure was arrived at, after detailed discussions with the erstwhile Punjab and PEPSU State Governments in September-October, 1956. The break-up under Sub-heads is as below:—

Sub-head	Additional Foodgrains Production	
	(Lakh tons)	
z. Major Irrigation	5.99	
a. Minor Irrigation	. 1.23	
3. Improved seeds	. 2.01	
4. Manures & Fertilizers	2.33	
5. Land Reclamation and Development	1.39	
6. Improved Agricultural Practices	1.65	
Total	14.40	

Radio Listeners

3537. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the total number of radio listeners in 1958 (State-wise)?

The Minister of Information and Breadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The number of licences for various types of broadcast receivers in force on 31st December, 1958 Postal Circle-wise is indicated in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 50]. Such figures are not maintained State-wise.

No statistics can be maintained about the number of radio listeners. It is clear that in respect of community receivers and commercial receivers, the number of listeners peet is quite large. The total number of radio listeners can be only roughly estimated as between 1 and 1½ crores.

Loans and Grants to Rajpura Township

3538. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Behabilitation and Minerity Affairs be pleased to state the total loan and grants given to Rajpura Township under different heads so far, year-wise?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chans Khanna): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 51].

Employment Exchanges

3539. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of employment exchanges opened so far (State-wise); and
- (b) the number of employment exchanges to be opened during remaining period of Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Exchanges opened upto 24-4-1959:

S1. No. Name	Name of State			No. of Exchanges opened	
I. Andhra				19	
2. Assam				12	
3. Bihar .				19	
4. Bombay .				32	
5. Jammu & F	Cashm	jΓ		2	
6. Kerala				10	
7. Madhya Prac	icsh			15	
8. Madras				13	
9. Mysore .				8	
10. Orissa				9	
rr. Punjab .				18	
12. Rejesthan				12	
13. Uttar Prades	1			33	
14. West Bengal				17	
15. Delhi				2	
16. Himschal Pre	desh			2	
17. Manipur				1	
18. Tripura				I	
19. Pondicherry			•	ı	
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