

Training of Craftsmen

3540. Shri Ram Krishna Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of craftsmen trained under the Craftsmen Training Programme so far during the Second Five Year Plan (State-wise); and

(b) the total number of Craftsmen to be trained during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The number is shown below:—

Name of the State	The total number of Craftsmen so far trained (during the Second Five Year Plan under the Craftsmen Training Programme)
Andhra Pradesh	1,280
Assam	601
Bihar	1,796
Bombay	2,140
Kerala	1,017
Madhya Pradesh	766
Madras	1,970
Mysore	1,612
Punjab	1,490
Rajasthan	2,329
Orissa	920
Uttar Pradesh	4,995
West Bengal	3,017
Delhi	1,938
Himachal Pradesh	238
TOTAL	26,109

(b) Approximately 25,000 persons are likely to be trained during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan.

Handloom Industry, Bombay State

3541. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of yarn consumed by the handloom in-

dustry of Bombay during 1957-58 and 1958-59; and

(b) the estimated value of products of the handloom industry in the Bombay State during the above period?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of Polythylene in Building Construction

3542. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 869 on the 4th March, 1958 and state:

(a) whether Government have since approved the use of Polythylene in the construction of buildings;

(b) if so, in what form and how it is used; and

(c) the results achieved so far?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) to (c). Only limited experimental uses of Polythylene have been made for water-proofing R.C.C. slab roofs and as pipes for internal water supply. The behaviour of the material is still under observation and it has not yet been possible to draw any definite conclusions regarding its long-term usefulness.

Off-take of Cement from U.P. Factories

3543. Shri Sarju Pandey: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total off-take of cement from the factories in the U.P. during 1958-59?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): There is only one cement factory in the U.P. State, viz. the U.P. Government Cement Factory, Churk and the total off-take of cement from this factory during 1958-59 was 2,16,397 tons.