

(b) whether any of these have been exported to foreign countries?

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

(a) The total number of radio sets produced by the firms borne on the Development Wing's list during the period 1st October, 1958 to 31st March, 1959 is approximately 98,900 Nos.

(b) Ten complete radio sets worth Rs. 2,148 were exported to Nepal during October to November, 1958 but information regarding the export of sets manufactured in India is not separately available. No exports were made to other countries. Data about exports after November, 1958 are not available.

Unemployed Graduates

3742. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning be pleased to state the number of un-employed Graduates remaining on the Live Registers of various Employment Exchanges in India as on the 1st April, 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): 33,769.

Government of India Printing Presses

3743. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of additional accommodation provided for the various presses under the expansion programme of existing presses of the Government of India during 1958-59, and

(b) the expenditure incurred on this programme of expansion during the same period?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Can Sealing Composition

3744. Shri Braj Raj Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Can Sealing Composition (Rubber Lining Compound used for canning industry) is being indigenously produced in India;

(b) what quantity was imported of this compound during the years 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58;

(c) how much foreign exchange was spent during the above years;

(d) whether it is the policy of Government encourage manufacture of the said compound in the country;

(e) whether any Indian firm has applied for granting protection to their compound;

(f) whether their compound has been tested by Government and if so; what are the results; and

(g) whether it is a fact that the compound made by an Indian firm compares favourably with the foreign commodities?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Precise information is not available as the item has not been specifically shown in the import trade classification of the country.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A firm in Calcutta had represented that the import of Can Sealing Composition (Rubber Lining Compound used for Canning industry) should be banned. It was found however on enquiry that even if this firm worked to their full capacity, they would only be meeting a quarter of the country's demand.

(f) and (g). The firm produced a certificate from College of Engineering, Jadavpur, Calcutta, but they have been asked to have their product