

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Drawings have been received and conversion to H.M.T. Standards is in progress. Assembly fixtures for two types are completed and patterns are under manufacture. 3 lathes have been assembled till the end of June, 1959. The first batch of 50 lathes will be assembled by the end of September, 1959 if all components arrive in time as scheduled.

Working Group on Industrial Co-operatives

18. { Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri S. C. Samantia:
Shri Kam Krishan Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government have since considered the report of the Working Group on Industrial Co-operatives;

(b) if so, the result thereof, and

(c) the recommendations of the Working Group which have so far been implemented?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b) Copies of the report submitted by the Working Group on Industrial Co-operatives have been forwarded to State Governments, concerned Central Ministries, Financial institutions, various All India Boards/Commission etc., for comments thereon. On receipt of comments from all State Governments etc. the recommendations in the report will be duly considered.

(c) Does not arise

Atomic Fuel Fabrication Plant

19. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2326 on the 26th March, 1959 and to state the latest position with regard to the setting up of an atomic fuel fabrication plant in the country?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Despite the fact that the finishing work on the building will only be completed this month, most of the equipment required for the fabrication of fuel elements has been commissioned, and fabrication of a prototype fuel element for the Canada-India Reactor was completed on June 15, 1959, as scheduled. To achieve this, some of the scientific groups worked 56 hours without leaving the plant, under very difficult conditions. The plant is expected to go into regular operation by September, 1959.

Unemployed Graduates Registered with Employment Exchanges

20. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of unemployed graduates remaining on the Live Registers of various Employment Exchanges in India as on the 1st August, 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abd Ali): 33,769 as on the 31st March, 1959. Information is collected quarterly and the June figures have not yet been received.

Indian Visitors to Pakistan

21. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether any cases of hardship and harassment experienced by Indian visitors to Pakistan have come to the notice of the Government of India during 1959 so far;

(b) if so, the number of such cases;

(c) the nature of such cases; and

(d) the action taken by Government?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 62 cases of clear harassment have come to notice. In addition full