

in regard to statements of account issued.

(b)

	Compensation Applications	Rehabilitation Grant Applications	Total
April, 59	12,516	355	12,871
May, 59	11,947	354	12,311
June, 59	10,790	420	11,210
July, 59	8,297	503	8,800
Total	43,550	1,642	45,192

Indian Commercial Sections in Foreign Countries

2444. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where the new commercial sections have been opened with show rooms during the period from 1956 to 1959 so far;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether by opening such sections there has been any appreciable increase in exports?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). A statement showing the commercial sections and show-rooms opened during the period from 1956 to 1959 (upto June) and expenditure incurred thereon during the years 1956-57 to 1958-59 is laid on the Table. Later figures of expenditure are not yet available. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 55.]

(c) A note showing the India's export Trade with the countries where commercial sections and show-rooms etc. have been opened during the period from 1956 to 1958 is also laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV annexure No. 55.]

Small Scale Industries

2445. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh allotment of funds has been made for Small Scale

Industries during the rest of the Second Five Year Plan period in view of the importance of Small Scale Industry in the development of country's economy;

(b) if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) the allocations made to different States?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No Sir. On the other hand consequent on reappraisal of the Plan the total outlay for Village and Small industries has been reduced and so also the allocation for small scale industries.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Accidents in Lakhampur Quarry

2446. Shri Muhammed Elias: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that took place in Lakhampur Quarry, District Birbhum, Bengal during January to June, 1959;

(b) whether any steps were taken by the Chief Inspector of Mines on receipt of the news of the accidents; and

(c) if so, the various steps taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) One.

(b) and (c): The matter was inquired into by an Officer of the Department of Mines. The occurrence was found to be accidental.

Misappropriation of Money in Rehabilitation Department

2447. Shri Atrobindo Ghosal: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any money granted by the Centre to the Rehabilitation Department of West Bengal was misappropriated by some persons between 1951 and 1958;