

Import of Catechu

1654. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the value of catechu imported in India during 1958-59?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): The value of Cutch (Catechu) extract imported into India during 1958-59 was Rs. 1,25,360.

Indian Yogis in U.S.A.

1655. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Yogis are imparting yogic knowledge of breath control in U.S.A.; and

(b) whether it is under any of the schemes of Indo-U.S. collaboration?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Some Indians have toured the United States of America now and then, giving lectures on 'Hatayoga'. This has been going on for some years.

(b) None of these people have gone to the United States under any Indo-U.S. scheme, nor have they been sponsored by Government.

Pakistani Nationals

1656. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals from East and West Pakistan separately who visited India since July 1959; and

(b) the number of Indians who visited East and West Pakistan separately during the same period?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 144247 and 17975 Pakistani nationals visited India from East and West Pakistan respectively during the period from 1st July to 31st October, 1959.

(b) 43277 and 30629 Indian nationals visited East and West Pakistan respectively during the same period.

Small Scale Handloom Industries in Andhra Pradesh

1657. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Small Scale Co-operative Handloom Industries that have been started in Andhra Pradesh during the Second Five Year Plan period so far (year-wise); and

(b) the total amount sanctioned by way of loans or grants for each industry during the above period?

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

Press Information Bureau

1658. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of branch offices of the Press Information Bureau which have been working during 1958-59 in Punjab State?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): One, at Jullundur.

Employment Position in Punjab

1659. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities in Punjab failed to improve during 1959 so far;

(b) the total number of vacancies notified in public sector and those in private sector during the above period;

(c) the number of industries closed down;

(d) the number of persons declared surplus or retrenched due to rationalisation or closure; and

(e) if so, the nature thereof?