

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) No.

(b) The total number of vacancies notified to *Employment Exchanges* in Punjab during the period January to October, 1959 was:

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|-----------------|----|--------|
| Public Sector:  | .. | 36,369 |
| Private Sector: | .. | 2,061  |
| Total           | .. | 38,430 |

(c) to (e). Information is not available.

#### Manufacture of Nylon Nets

**1660. Shri N. M. Deb:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government have any plan to manufacture Nylon Nets for deep-sea fishing?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** None in the Public Sector. However, some firms have come forward with proposals to set up such plants.

#### Radio-Activity

**1661. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2397 on the 9th September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether there has been any change in the highest level of radio-activity in the country; and

(b) if so, whether it constitutes any danger to public health?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Education in N.E.F.A.

**1662. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the total amount given to the N.E.F.A. during 1959 so far under the head "Education"?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Rs. 25.14 lakhs.

#### Manufacture of Bicycles

**1663. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bicycles manufactured in India during the period from the 1st April to the 30th November, 1959 (State-wise);

(b) the number of bicycles out of these sold in the country;

(c) the number of bicycles exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period (country-wise); and

(d) whether any bicycles have been imported during 1959 so far?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 61.]

(b) No precise statistics are available.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 62.]

(d) The import of bicycles is banned from July—September 1957 licensing period. But, 542 bicycles of the value of Rs. 81,000 were imported during the period 1st January to 31st August 1959, as 'personal effects' under the Baggage Rules.

#### Five Year Plan Publicity in Punjab

**1664. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the amount allotted to Punjab State for Five Year Plan Publicity for 1959-60?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** Plan Publicity in the States is mainly the function of the State Government concerned. The Punjab Government have made a provision of Rs. 5.85 lakhs for Plan Publicity for the year 1959-60.