

(d) whether the annual production is sufficient for replacement and for satisfying the growing needs of the people; and

(e) if not, what efforts are being made to cope with the situation?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The number of motor vehicles on the road in the country as on the 31st Day of March, 1959 (upto which statistics are available) was approximately 499,000.

(b) No estimates of the current replacement demand are available. The Tariff Commission in its Report (1956) on the Automobile Industry, however, estimated the annual replacement requirements at 14,000 passenger cars and 17,000 commercial vehicles, taking into account the number of vehicles in use in the country at the end of 1954-55 which was 3,34,938 Nos. The demand has gone up since then and the Jha Committee has been asked to assess the overall demands of different types of motor vehicles.

(c) The number of motor vehicles produced in the country is as follows:

Year	Production
1956	32,138
1957	33,058
1958	26,788
1959 (estimated)	35,500

(d) and (e). To a certain extent the production of motor vehicles since the last year has been short of the demand primarily for the reason that import of components has been allowed on a restricted scale in view of the shortage of foreign exchange since 1957. During the current year, however, sufficient foreign exchange has been released to the automobile manufacturers for the import of components and the situation has of late considerably improved and is expected to further improve in the next six months or so as the impact of larger releases of foreign exchange will be more felt during 1960. Apart from this, Government have appointed an Ad hoc Committee to review

the progress made by the Automobile Industry and also to make recommendations for its quick development.

Salt Works in Kutch and Saurashtra

256. Shri Khimji: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 724 on the 24th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the extent of losses sustained by the Salt Works in Kutch and Saurashtra has since been assessed and relief in the form of loans and grants given to such salt works; and

(b) if so, the names of the salt works to whom such relief has been given and the quantum thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The extent of losses is still under investigation.

(b) Does not arise.

Employment in U.N.

257. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1386 on the 24th August, 1959 and state:

(a) the various measures adopted by the Central Government to advertise employment opportunities in the United Nations;

(b) whether personnel from the non-official sector also get employment in various U.N. agencies;

(c) if so, how many such personnel are working at present with various U.N. agencies; and

(d) the percentage of the posts reserved for Indian personnel in U.N. headquarters and allied agencies?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) United Nations vacancies are not advertised by the Government of India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). 35 persons who were not officials of the Government of India at the time of their employment are at present working in the United Nations Secretariat. The "desirable range of posts" for Indian Nationals calculated in accordance with the percentage of India's contribution to the United Nations budget is from 25—42.

Altogether 59 Indians are now working in the U.N. Secretariat. Information regarding the Specialised Agencies is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

A.I.R. Overseas Programmes in Telugu

258. Shri B. Rajagopala Rao: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telugu programmes like news etc., are not included in the overseas services of All India Radio though a large number of Andhra people are residing in other Asian countries and in Africa; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to include such programmes now?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). At present, the only services that are being broadcast for Indians overseas are in Tamil, Gujerati and Hindi. Telugu songs are, however, being included in the Tamil programmes of the External Services. In view of the high costs of starting a new service and non-availability of frequencies, it is not possible to take up any proposal at present for additional language broadcasts in our External Services.

भलबारी कागज की खपत

२५६. { श्री विभूति मिश्र :
पंडित ज्वा० प्र० इबोतिवी :

क्या बाबिबद तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की इया करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५६-६० में विदेशों से अनुमानतः कुल कितना भलबारी कागज मंगाने का विचार है; और

(ख) देश को भलबारी कागज के उत्पादन में आत्म-निर्भर बनाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या योजनाएँ बनाई गयी हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में भारत कब तक आत्म-निर्भर हो जायेगा ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अनुभाई शाह) :

(क) लगभग ६८,००० टन ।

(ख) भलबारी कागज के उत्पादन में मुख्य कठिनाई कच्चे मालों की कमी है । विभिन्न कच्चे मालों से जिनमें गन्ने की कोई भी शामिल है, भलबारी कागज बनाने के टेक्नीकल और आर्थिक पहलुओं की सरकार जांच कर रही है । अगर इस जांच का परिणाम सतोषजनक रहा तो देश को भलबारी कागज के उत्पादन में ५ वर्षों के अन्दर आत्म-निर्भर हो जाना चाहिए ।

Sale of Tobacco to Japan

260. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has entered into a deal for the sale of tobacco to Japan; and

(b) if so, the details of the deal entered into?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 6,45,777 lbs. of Sun-cured Country Natu Tobacco against the import of 120 metric tons of nature! B. P. Camphor.

Enterprises started in Collaboration with M/s Edgar Kaisers

261. Shri Khimji: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the enterprises which have been started in India in collaboration with Messrs. Edgar Kaisers; and