

the small scale sector without any permission or licence from the Government except in the case of re-rolling mills; and

(b) if so, why has this ban been imposed on re-rolling mills?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir, excepting for handlooms and power-looms re-rolling mills.

(b) Manufacture of iron and steel in any quantity requires permission under the Iron & Steel Control Order due to scarcity of raw materials.

Portugal Case in World Court

84. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 910 on the 15th December, 1959 and state the latest position with regard to the Portuguese complaint to the International Court regarding Nagar-Haveli and Dadra?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Court's judgment is still awaited.

A.I.R. Station, Cuttack

85. { Shri Sanganna:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Adivasi members have been taken into the Programme Advisory Committee for A.I.R., Cuttack; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Previously the Cuttack Station had a low power transmitter and was not broadcasting Adivasi programmes meant for tribal areas which were then outside the reach of the transmitter. A weekly programme of tribal music is now being broadcast since November 1959 and it is proposed to nominate an Adivasi member to the Programme Advisory Committee.

Transport and Grading of Salt

86. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 614 on the 7th December, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal for introduction of a system of grading of salt and of transport of salt in bulk by rail; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The question of introduction of a system of grading of salt is under consideration and will take some time to decide. As regards transport of salt in bulk by rail, experimental loading of salt in bulk by rail has been undertaken by the Railways and final decision will be taken in the matter after the result of the experiment is available.

Production of Plastics

87. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 266 on the 24th November, 1959 and state whether details of the concrete proposals for the manufacture of plant and equipment in India for the production of plastics with foreign collaboration