

**Closure of Coffee Houses**

53. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri Kunhan:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coffee Houses closed by the Coffee Board since 1957;

(b) the number of Coffee Houses now being run directly by the Board and the places where they are run;

(c) the number of workers retrenched since 1957; and

(d) the number of workers employed now by the Board?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) 34.

(b) 3; Delhi, Srinagar and Calcutta.

(c) 652.

(d) 194.

**Ban on Films**

54. **Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 23 on the 9th February, 1960 and state:

(a) how many Indian films were affected by the restrictions imposed by the Syrian Government on the exhibition of foreign films till July, 1960; and

(b) if so, action taken if any, in the matter?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). Government have not received any report of Indian films having been affected by the restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Culture and National Guidance, Syrian Region.

**Mica Export Promotion Council**

55. { **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:**  
**Shri B. Das Gupta:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mica Export Promotion Council, which met in Calcutta in May, 1960, have recommended some steps to improve export; and

(b) if so, what are they?

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

(a) and (b). At the Third Annual General meeting of the Council held at Calcutta on the 9th May, 1960, suggestions were offered on such matters as drawing up of a code of conduct for exporters, preparation of a Standard Contract Form, framing of rules for settlement of disputes by arbitration registration of exporters, arrangements for the supply of raw materials and machinery, etc. Many of the suggestions cover points already under consideration. No formal recommendations were made as a result of these discussions at the meeting.

**All India Handicrafts Board**

56. { **Shri A. M. Tariq:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working under All India Handicrafts Board under various categories; and

(b) the procedure for their appointment (category-wise)?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Mannbhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table.

**STATEMENT**

(a) the number of employees working under the All India Handicrafts