

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

Licences for Industries

1922. Shri Sarju Pandey: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued for starting new industries in U.P. during the Second Five Year Plan so far;

(b) whether all these licences have been used; and

(c) if not, the number of unused licences?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The information is being published regularly in the Journal of Industry and Trade.

(b) and (c). Six licences have been revoked out of those issued for the establishment of new units in U.P. State during the period 1st April, 1956 to 31st October, 1960. In other cases the undertakings concerned have either been established or are in the process of being established.

Indians Kidnapped by Pakistanis

1923. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals kidnapped by Pakistanis from the Indian side of the West Bengal-East Pakistan border during the second half of the year 1960;

(b) the number of Indians out of them released so far; and

(c) the action taken for getting the release of the rest of them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Five.

(b) Three.

(c) The matter has already been taken up with the East Pakistan authorities at the appropriate level.

Rural Housing Cell in Punjab

1924. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has set up the Rural Housing Cell for providing guidance and technical advice under the Village Housing Projects Scheme; and

(b) how many projects have been set up so far under the Scheme in Punjab?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes.

(b) The State Government have selected all the 200 villages allotted to them for the Second Plan period for setting up housing projects. According to the progress report upto the 30th September, 1960, the work of sanctioning loans had commenced in 40 of these villages.

Technical Personnel

1925. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technical personnel on the list of various Employment Exchanges as on the 1st of December, 1960; and

(b) the number of technical personnel who got jobs through Employment Exchanges during 1960 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 1,31,467 as on 30th September, 1960. Information as on the 1st of December, 1960 is not available as figures are collected quarterly.

(b) 28,537 during January to September, 1960.