

Shops Constructed in New Delhi

*1096. { Shri B. K. Gaikwad:
Shri Manay:

Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shops constructed in (1) East Vinay Nagar (2) West Vinay Nagar (3) Kidwai Nagar (4) Moti Bagh in New Delhi by Government and handed over to the New Delhi Municipality for disposal;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are some local shop-keepers who are running the shops for the last several years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these shops are allotted only to displaced persons and local Backward class people and scheduled caste people who are running their stalls are refused allotment of these shops; and

(d) whether Government are aware that some displaced persons are having more than one such shop and earn money by sub-letting them to other people?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) East Vinay Nagar 58
West Vinay Nagar 67
Kidwai Nagar 100
Moti Bagh I 82

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Priority for allotment is given to displaced persons. There is however, no objection to accommodate non-displaced persons if shops are available after meeting the requirements of displaced persons.

(d) Some cases of sub-letting have come to the notice of the New Delhi Municipal Committee and necessary action is being taken by them.

Press Council

*1098. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Journalists' Association at its conference in May

1960 adopted a resolution expressing the working journalists' willingness to have a Press Council on the lines recommended by the Press Commission;

(b) if so, whether Government are now prepared to reintroduce legislation for the appointment of a Press Council; and

(c) whether Government have decided to call a conference of newspaper proprietors and working journalists to discuss the question?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (c). Government have seen newspaper reports about a resolution passed by the Indian Journalists' Association regarding the formation of a Press Council on the lines suggested by the Press Commission. As stated in reply to Question No. 2788 dated the 28th April, 1960, Government will consider the matter further when it is satisfied that there is a favourable atmosphere.

Brass-ware Industry

*1099. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Handicrafts industry of India has of late been suffering from shortage of zinc and copper required for the manufacture of brass-ware;

(b) if so, whether these materials are imported under an export incentive scheme and if so, what is the scheme; and

(c) what is the idle capacity of the industry at present?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) It has been reported that the manufacturers of artistic brass-ware have been experiencing shortage of Zinc and Copper.

(b) Import of raw materials for artistic brass-ware is being allowed under the Export Incentive Scheme. Briefly, the Scheme provides for the import/entitlement of raw materials

to the exporters of art Brass and Copper-ware, to the following extent:

- (i) Virgin Copper and Zinc together 36½ percent (in the ratio of 60% copper and 40% zinc) where the product exported is an alloy copper and zinc.
- (ii) Tissue of Paper . 1 per cent.
- (iii) Polishing materials 2½ per cent.

The Indian Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., has also been allowed to import Copper and Zinc, etc. of the value of Rs. 10 lakhs on an ad-hoc basis, for release to such exporters/manufacturers of handicrafts who are entitled to import raw materials under the Export Incentive Scheme mentioned above.

(c) As far as Government is aware, there is no idle capacity of the artistic Brass and Copper ware Industry.

Export of Cardamom to Sweden

*1100. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of Cardamom from India to Sweden has been continuously decreasing since 1957;

(b) the reasons why the export of Cardamom to Sweden is going down; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to avert the fall in export?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Report of Wage Board for Jute Industry

- *1101. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Subiman Ghose:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri S. L. Saksena:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 178 on the 17th November, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the Wage Board for Jute Industry has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations; and

(c) if not, the reason for delay?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The Wage Board submitted its recommendation for grant of interim relief to workers in Jute mills in January, 1961, and the same has been accepted by Government. The final report is awaited.

Nuclear Power Station

*1102. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is now in a position to build its own nuclear power stations;

(b) if so, what is the programme chalked out for this purpose during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the allocation of funds for the same?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath All Khan): (a) India is in a position to design and build *without external help* small nuclear power stations of up to 25 MWe electrical output. Large nuclear power stations of an installed capacity of 100 MWe or more will be built in the Third Plan Period in cooperation with foreign organisations having the necessary experience.

(b) Apart from a nuclear power station of 300 MWe to be located at Tarapur, studies in the Atomic Energy Establishment at Trombay are in an advanced stage for a nuclear power station of about 20 MWe based on a reactor using natural uranium as fuel, heavy water as moderator, and organic as coolant. A project for the