

cutta on 5th and 6th July 1961 and also discussed the question of preservation and maintenance of the religious shrines of the minority communities in either country.

2. Our Minister took the opportunity of stressing the desirability of convening an early meeting of the Joint Committee of the representatives of the two Governments which had last met in Karachi in January, 1958. Lt.-General Sheikh, the Pakistan Minister of Rehabilitation informed our Minister that his Government agreed to the holding of the meeting of the Joint Committee in September or October, 1961. We have since been informed that they would prefer the meeting to be held after October, 1961.

3. We are now taking steps to arrange for the holding of the second meeting in New Delhi.

#### **Research and Scientific Station at Tocklai**

6. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1618 on the 29th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the request of the Indian Tea Association for financial assistance to the Research and Scientific Station at Tocklai; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to a non-recurring grant of Rs. 1.5 lakhs and a recurring grant of Rs. 2.7 lakhs from the funds of the Tea Board to the Indian Tea Association to enable the Tocklai Station to continue its present programme of research and to maintain its advisory service

#### **Rate of Contribution to Provident Fund**

7. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Shri Somani:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1628 on the 19th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the technical Committee appointed to examine the question to increase the provident fund contribution from 6½ to 8-1/3 per cent. has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the view of the Committee; and

(c) action taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a). Yes. The Committee has submitted its report in respect of four industries viz., (i) paper, (ii) cigarettes, (iii) electrical, mechanical or general engineering products, and (iv) iron and steel.

(b) A copy of the report is being placed on the Table of House.

(c) The report is being examined.

#### **Documentary film on Punjab**

8. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Sardar Iqbal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (**Dr. Keskar**): It is proposed to the reply given to Unstarred Question no. 3521 on the 19th April, 1961 and state the further progress made in the production of the documentary film on Punjab?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** It is proposed to resume shooting of the film some time in October 1961.

#### **Export of Jute Goods**

9. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of jute goods exported to Iraq, Afghanistan