

the departments under his Ministry since the institution of these councils, year-wise;

(b) how many of them have been implemented;

(c) how many of the recommendations have been held in abeyance for more than one year; and

(d) how many have been rejected by the Departments concerned and on what grounds?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a)

1958	1959	1960	1961
61	87	—	32

(b) 172

(c) Nil

(d) 8. The recommendations were rejected as these were not admissible under the rules.

Junior Staff Councils

110. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations made by the junior staff councils of the departments under his Ministry, since the institution of these councils, year-wise;

(b) how many of them have been implemented.

(c) how many of the recommendations have been held in abeyance for more than one year; and

(d) how many have been rejected by the Departments concerned and on what grounds?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Setting up of 57 Transmitters

111. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Information and Broad-

casting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1425-NN on the 6th December, 1961 and state the further progress made in completion of arrangements for the setting up of 57 transmitters?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): As already stated in reply to Unstarred question No. 1425-NN on the 6th December, 1961, arrangements are in progress for the setting up of 56 transmitters (54 medium wave and two short wave) instead of 57 contemplated earlier. The progress made in their completion is given below:—

(i) Selection of sites and buildings

Of the 56 projects, 22 would be located at existing All India Radio sites. New locations have been finalised for all the other 34 cases, except at Amritsar and Coimbatore. Possession of sites/buildings has been taken by All India Radio at 22 centres. Action for acquisition is in progress for the rest.

(ii) Construction of buildings

Out of the 32 finalised locations, seven installations would be housed in existing buildings. Of the remaining 25, building construction is in progress at 18 centres. Arrangements are being made to take up the work at other places.

(iii) Equipment

The main transmitting equipment and masts for 37 installations have been either procured or are already available with All India Radio. Instruments have been placed for the balance.

(iv) Completion

The projects are expected to be brought into service, progressively in the next two-year period.

Sindri Fertilizer Factory

**112. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:**

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

(a) whether the report of the Committee appointed by Government to

suggest measures for ensuring normal and uninterrupted production in the Sindri fertilizer factory has been received and considered;

(b) if so, its broad recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

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

(a) to (c). The Report has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., who propose to discuss it at their next meeting. Government will thereafter examine the Report and the Board's recommendations.

Rourkela Fertilizer Project

113. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the Rourkela Fertilizer Project is going on strictly according to the original schedule;

(b) if not, how far it is behind schedule; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay and when it is likely to be completed?

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

(a) and (b). The Ammonia Plant of the Rourkela Fertilizer Plant which is being erected by M/s Friedrich Uhde of West Germany is about six months behind schedule and the Nitric Acid and Nitrolimestone plants which are being erected by the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited are about 14 months behind schedule.

(c) The reasons for delay are:

(i) Poor performance of the Civil Engineering Contractors;

(ii) Delays in the import of components of Plant and Machinery; and

(iii) Failure of Indian suppliers and fabricators to deliver equipment in time.

The Ammonia Plant is expected to be commissioned by July 1962. As regards the other plants, half the capacity is expected to be commissioned by August/September 1962 and the rest by April 1963.

Gypsum from Pakistan

**114. { Dr. Samantsinhar:
Shri Morarka:**

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

(a) how far the cost of production of fertiliser at Sindri would go down after supply of gypsum from Pakistan;

(b) at what price the gypsum from Pakistan is purchased;

(c) what is the over-all mine head price of indigenous gypsum and that of Pakistan; and

(d) how many people would be unemployed in our gypsum areas due to this deal?

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

(a) Utilization of Pakistan Gypsum will not lead to any reduction in production cost.

(b) Rs. 33 per ton F.O.R. Wagh;

(c) The mine head price of indigenous Gypsum is approximately Rs. 7 per ton. Government have no information about the mine head price of Pakistan Gypsum;

(d) The purchase of Gypsum from Pakistan is intended to build up reserves at Sindri. This will not in any way affect the indigenous mining operations and nobody will be thrown out of employment on this account.