

(b) the present annual production of cloth in that State;

(c) the annual requirement of cloth in that State calculated on the basis of a *per capita* consumption of 15 years;

(d) whether there is a demand for increasing the spindleage in that State; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) 3.26 million spindles as on 1.1.1962.

(b) In 1961 the combined production of cotton cloth in the Mill sector and the decentralised sector is reported to be 643 million yards.

(c) 504 million yards.

(d) and (e). An assessment on the subject revealed that Madras State had excess spindles on the basis of existing weaving capacity and population. However, an allocation of 75,000 spindles was made to that State. No demand for additional spindle allocation has since been received.

#### **Local Development works in Madras State**

**2668. Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madras have requested the Central Government to continue the scheme of grants to local development works for some more years; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Central Government in this matter?

**The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Gulzarilal Nanda):** (a) No specific request was received for continuance of the programme during the 3rd Five Year Plan.

(b) However, the programme has been included in the 3rd Five Year Plan, and is being continued.

#### **Government Offices in Private Residential Colonies**

**2669. Shri Jena:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rented accommodation in private residential colonies in New Delhi has been taken by Government for various Government offices;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) the number of Government offices to be housed there and those which have already been housed therein; and

(d) how long the residential buildings are going to be used by Government for non-residential purposes in those colonies?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) Yes.

(b) 37.

(c) 30 houses are used for accommodating 21 Government offices and 7 houses are being used for C.H.S. Dispensaries.

(d) The houses will be released as soon as adequate office accommodation is constructed.

#### **Jute Mill at Siddhpur**

**2670. Shri Man Singh Patel:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Jute mill at Siddhpur in Gujarat State is closed for the last two years or so;

(b) whether a suggestion was made by any labour organisation or any other authority for taking over this mill and to start it;

(c) whether it is a fact that an industrialist has now purchased this mill on the advice of Central Government; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to start this mill?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) There is no Jute Mill at Siddhpur, but it is presumed that reference in the question is to the Shree Sayajee Jubilee Cotton and Jute Mills Ltd., Siddhpur. If so, the answer is **Yes**.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The mill has recently been purchased by M/s. Bharat Kala Bhandar Ltd., but not on the advice of the Central Government.

(d) No, Sir.

#### Radio Station at Kurseong

**2671 Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1021 on the 1st December, 1961 and state:

(a) the areas proposed to be served by the Radio Station at Kurseong and the capacity of the transmitter; and

(b) the amount to be spent on the same?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Shun Nath):** (a) The Radio Station at Kurseong will cover the Darjeeling—Sikkim hill area. The capacity of the transmitter is 2 KW Short-wave. The Station has been inaugurated on the 2nd June, 1962.

(b) Rs. 4.03 lakhs approximately.

#### भूटान में डाक, तार और टेलीफोन व्यवस्था का विस्तार

**२६७२ श्री भजन दर्शन :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ समय पहले जब भूटान के प्रधान मंत्री भारत आये थे तो उन्होंने इस मंत्रालय से भूटान में डाक, तार और टेलीफोन के विस्तार के लिये सहायता मांगी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस कार्यक्रम का व्यौरा बताने वाला एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखा जायेगा और

(ग) यह कार्यक्रम कब कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा ?

**प्रधान मंत्री तथा बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) :** (क) जी हां । भूटान के प्रधान मंत्री मई १९६२ के आरम्भ में जब दिल्ली आये थे, तब उस दौरान में उन्होंने भारत और भूटान के बीच डाक द्वारा पत्र-व्यवहार का एक केन्द्र (पुस्तकें) स्थापित करने और भूटान की आंतरिक डाक व्यवस्था का गठन करने के लिये भारत सरकार की सहायता मांगी थी । भारत सरकार भूटान सरकार को इस दिशा में सहायता देने के लिये राजी हो गई है । भूटान के प्रधान मंत्री ने अपने दिल्ली प्रवास में तार और टेलीफोन व्यवस्था के विस्तार के सम्बन्ध में कोई अनुरोध नहीं किया ।

(ख) और (ग). किस तरह की और कितनी शर्तों के अन्तर्गत यह सहायता दी जायेगी, इसका व्यौरा देना संभव नहीं है, क्योंकि उनपर अभी विचार किया जा रहा है । बहरहाल, आशा है कि कार्यक्रम पर जल्द ही अमल किया जायेगा ।

#### Tea Export Cess

**2673. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of tea export cess collected since the introduction of Tea Act 1953; and

(b) the amount allotted to the Tea Board out of the cess collected so far?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):**

(a) Rs. 10,31,26,194 up to 31st March, 1962

(b) Rs. 5,81,77,000 up to 31st March, 1962