

and the facts are thereafter reported to the Licensing Committee in due course.

Synthetic Rubber Plants

47. Shri D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to create more capacity for manufacture of synthetic rubber by sanctioning licences for two more plants, has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the name of the place and party for which licences are being issued or have been issued?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Seven applications for establishing further capacity for the manufacture of certain types of synthetic rubbers have been received but consideration thereof has been deferred in view of the fact that the position regarding the availability of raw-materials required for such manufacture is not yet clear.

(b) Does not arise.

Provident Fund of Employees

**48. { Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Burmah Shell Company at Calcutta has not yet handed over to Government the money deposited to them by their employees on account of Company's Provident Fund Scheme before October, 1961;

(b) if so, the amount so held up and the reasons for holding up the same; and

(c) what concrete step Government have taken to realise the money from the Company?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The Company has invested the provident fund money in Central and State Government securities. Action to transfer these securities to the Employees Provident Fund has been taken. The exact figures of the amount to be transferred are being ascertained.

Development Council for Printing Industry

**49. { Shri A. S. Saigal:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
Shri P. K. Ghosh:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kajrolkar:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration to set up a Development Council for Printing Industry?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): No, Sir.

Exports of Shoes

50. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from foreign buyers regarding supply of shoes through the State Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, details thereof and what action Government propose to take to improve the quality of shoes meant for export?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Handicraft Industries in Punjab

51. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry