

(c) if so, whether Government contemplate to introduce a legislation to ban marriages not contracted with the free consent of both parties?

**The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). India is not a party to the Convention.

#### Cyprus Mules

**454. Shri Bade:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cyprus mules imported since the Chinese Aggression;

(b) whether it is a fact that Cyprus mules are very enduring upto a height of 17,000 to 18,000 feet; and

(c) from which other countries mules are being imported and the total expenditure incurred thereon during 1961-62?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** (a) No mules have been imported for the Defence Services from Cyprus.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Mules have been imported from Italy, Spain, France and Argentine and the total expenditure incurred on them during 1961-62 was about Rs. 45 lakhs.

#### Central Projects in Punjab

**455. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far during the first two Five Year Plans on Central Projects in Punjab;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on Central Projects in Punjab during the Third Plan period?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):**

(a) to (c). Information is not available.

#### Employment Exchanges in Punjab

**456. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of persons (both skilled and unskilled) registered in various employment exchanges in Punjab at the end of June, 1963?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):** 95,240.

#### Ordnance Factory for Explosives

**457. { Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial sanction for the construction of an ordnance factory for the manufacture of explosives was given four years ago;

(b) if so, whether the factory has been established; and

(c) if not, the progress in its establishment so far?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet, Sir.

(c) All orders for the plant and machinery have been placed on the Suppliers and they are expected to be received at the site before the middle of 1964. Construction work for the factory and colony buildings have commenced. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 1964.

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