

(b) the number of trucks and jeeps manufactured in the ordnance factories in 1962-63; and

(c) how the price of military trucks compares with similar trucks manufactured in the private sector?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The increase in production of vehicles in 1962-63 from the period in the previous year has been 41 per cent.

(b) The total number of trucks and jeeps manufactured during 1962-63 is 2,697.

(c) The prices compare favourably.

Indians in Aden

*298 { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the fact that the small Indian community in Aden is being discriminated against on racial grounds by practically all the local political parties; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India propose to take any steps direct or indirect to alleviate the hardships of those people?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Government is not aware of any racial discrimination being practised against the Indian community in Aden. In the context of the recent constitutional developments in Aden, there is a proposal to frame a new electoral law and to decide on the question of Adeni nationality. A Franchise Commission has been set up for this purpose, and we hope that the people of Indian origin settled in Aden will not suffer any hardship or disability.

Mass Communication

*299. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri U. M. Trivedi:
Shri Bade:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ford Foundation Team has recommended setting up of a centre for advanced study in mass communication in India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):

(a) Yes.

(b) The recommendation is being examined.

Rural Industrial Projects

823. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the **Minister of Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rural Industrial Projects functioning in Orissa during the first year of the Third Plan period to date; and

(b) the total amount given by the Centre to the State Government for the purpose during the same period?

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

(a) Two out of the 45 Rural Industries Projects under the first series have been allotted to the Orissa State in 1962-63.

(b) An amount of Rs. 50,000 was released to the State Government for the programme during 1962-63. For 1963-64 a sum of Rs. 6.0 lakhs has been allotted.