

the pattern of traffic and local circumstances. The PMG Assam has recently reviewed the position and his report is awaited.

ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS ETC. TO PERSONS
COMING FROM BURMA

346. SHRI G. K. KAPOOR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 31 in the Rajya Sabha on 8th September, 1964, and state whether any residential accommodation, plots, shops have so far been allotted to the persons coming from Burma; if not, what are the reasons therefor, and whether any loans are being given to the persons for starting their business ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : The State Governments have been instructed to show special consideration to Indian nationals returning from Burma for the allotment of plots. However, exact information in this regard has to be collected from various States and is not immediately available. The Advisory Committee of the Kandala Free Trade Zone (Ministry of Commerce) has also decided to give preference to Indian nationals from Burma in the allotment of plots.

The Government of India have already sanctioned an amount of Rs. 41,40,000 for the purpose of business loans to the State Governments. Loans are being granted subject to a maximum of Rs. 2,000 per family for the purpose of starting a business.

RADIO SETS

347. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of radio sets operating in the rural areas of the country by the end of December, 1964; and

(b) the number of sets supplied to various State Governments during the year 1964 ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The number of community listening sets available in December 1964 for use in the rural areas of the country was 1,67,702. The exact number of the sets which were actually operating in December 1964 is not known because the maintenance and operation of community listening sets is the direct responsibility of the State Governments.

(b) States	8,569 sets
Union Territories	820 sets
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TOTAL		9,389 sets
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LOSS OF A BAG CONTAINING INSURED GOODS

348. SHRI S. C. DEB : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a mail bag containing insurance goods and registered letters was found missing while being carried from Durgapur Steel Project Post Office by a rickshaw to mail-carrier bus on the 1st February, 1965; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As usual the Durgapur Steel Project Post Office closed nine mail bags on 1st February 1965 and despatched them through a mail peon for exchange with the mail bus on the G.T. Road at a distance of about 200 yards from the Post Office. The mail peon carried the bags in a rickshaw and while handing over the bags to the mail bus found a bag closed for Asansol RMS missing. The case is under Police and Departmental investigation. The mail peon and the rickshaw puller have been arrested. The loss sustained in this case is about Rs. 9,000.

GENERAL NE WIN'S VISIT TO INDIA

349. SHRI S. C. DEB : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the outcome of the talks the Prime Minister had with General Ne Win, Chairman of