

action and to complete the task of conversion of temporary posts into permanent ones by the 30th June, 1960. They have also been requested to review the position in this regard at suitable intervals of not less than one year.

#### PRICES OF RUBBER TYRES

245. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that cycle, motor and motor-cycle tyres are at present sold in the market at exorbitant prices; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make these goods available at controlled rates to the public?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). No complaints have been received regarding high prices being charged for motor and motor-cycle tyres. However, some instances of high prices being charged in respect of bicycle tyres and tubes have come to the notice of the Government and the tyre manufacturers have been advised to ensure that the dealers sell the tyres only at reasonable prices.

#### EXPENDITURE ON STATIONERY

246. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 324 in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1963 and state:

(a) the Ministry-wise break-up of the expenditure to be incurred during 1963 on stationery; and

(b) the reason for the increase in the estimated expenditure on stationery during 1963?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) and (b). The Ministry-wise break-up of the expenditure likely to be incurred on stationery during 1963 is not available. The estimate for the year 1963 indicated in reply to the earlier Question was based on the actuals for 1962, allowing for an increase on account of the emergency on a rough basis.

#### MANUFACTURE OF CHEAP RADIO SETS

247. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to manufacture cheap radio sets in the country; and

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) The Government of India have no proposal under consideration to manufacture cheap radio sets in the public sector.

(b) Does not arise.

#### PRICE OF IRON-ORE EXPORTED TO JAPAN

248. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese Government have urged the Government of India to reduce the price of iron-ore which is exported from India to Japan; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). Negotiations are still in progress and prices have not been finalized. An Indian