

(b) what are the special qualifications for appointments to each of these posts?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) There are at present 14 ex-cadre posts in this Secretariat which are as under: —

<i>Designation of post</i>	<i>No. of posts</i>
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	1
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	3
Assistant Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	2
Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister	3
Confidential Assistant	2
Newspaper Assistant	2
Private Secretary to the Principal Private Secretary	1
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(b) There is nothing to add to the information given in the answer to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 269 in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1960.

RAYON PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN INDIA

38. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rayon manufacturing concerns in India at present;

(b) the annual output in each of the concerns; and

(c) the country's actual consumption per year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) 7 units.

	<i>Production in 1960 in metric tons</i>
1. M/s National Rayon Cor. Ltd., Bombay	7408.5
2. M/s Century Rayons, Bombay	5053.0
3. M/s Travancore Rayons, Kerala State	2523.0
4. M/s J. K. Rayon, Kanpur	1989.0
5. M/s Kesoram Rayon, Calcutta	2086.0
6. M/s Sirisilk Ltd., Andhra Pradesh	1924.0
7. M/s Gwalior Rayon Silk Mfg. Co. Ltd., Nagda	21782.0
	42765.5

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

REDUCTION IN WORKING HOURS IN JUTE MILLS, WEST BENGAL

39. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Jute Mills Association unanimously decided that with effect from the 30th January, 1961, the working hours of the jute mills in West Bengal, with more than 200 looms should be temporarily reduced from 45 to 42½ hours per week; and

(b) if so, what is the reason behind this decision and the effect thereof on the employees?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Working hours were reduced so as to regulate the consumption of jute according to the available supplies. The exact effect of this reduction ' on employees is not known; but this regulated production has prevented large-scale retrenchment of labour.