

INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

*417. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer given in the Rajya Sabha to Starred Question No. 153 on the 18th April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any other Industrial Estate has started functioning after the 1st January, 1960; if so, where; and

(b) by when the Industrial Estate at Agra is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The Industrial Estates at Bangalore (Mysore), Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Bhilwara (Rajasthan), Gandhinagar (Jammu) and Pettai (Madras) have started functioning since 1st January, 1960.

(b) The Industrial Estate at Agra is likely to start functioning partly by October, 1960.

CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME

*418. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer given in the Rajya Sabha to Starred Question No. 152 on the 18th April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken by Government regarding the introduction of Credit Guarantee Scheme for small scale industries; and

(b) if so, in which cities it is likely to be first started?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Credit Guarantee Scheme has since come into operation with effect from the 1st July, 1960.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

1. Agra	.	.	{	Uttar Pradesh
2. Kanpur	.	.	}	
3. Ahmedabad	.	.	{	Gujarat
4. Surat	.	.	}	
5. Amritsar	.	.	{	Punjab
6. Ludhiana	.	.	}	
7. Bangalore	.	.	.	Mysore
8. Calcutta	.	.	.	West Bengal
9. Howrah	.	.	}	
10. Coimbatore	.	.	{	Madras
11. Madras	.	.	}	
12. Cuttack	.	.	.	Orissa
13. Greater Bombay	.	.	{	Maharashtra
14. Kolhapur	.	.	}	
15. Hyderabad	.	.	{	Andhra Pradesh
16. Krishna	.	.	}	
17. Gird	.	.	.	Madhya Pradesh
18. Jaipur	.	.	.	Rajasthan
19. Kamrup	.	.	.	Assam
20. Ranchi	.	.	.	Bihar
21. Trivandrum	.	.	.	Kerala
22. Delhi	.	.	.	(Union Territory)

ABOLITION OF THE POST OF JOINT CHIEF ADVISER OF FACTORIES

*433. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state what action Government have taken on the recommendation made in the Eighty-fourth report (second Lok Sabha) of the Estimates Committee 1959-60 to abolish the post of the Joint Chief Adviser of Factories under the Chief Adviser of Factories' Organisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): As recommended by the Estimates Committee, the question of abolishing the post of the Joint Chief Adviser Factories will be considered when a whole-time Director is appointed for the Central Labour Institute, Bombay.

INDO-PAKISTAN INFORMATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

*435. SHRI K. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the members of the Indo-Pakistan Information Consultative Committee;

(b) when was this Committee formed; and

(c) when Shri A. D. Mani, Editor, "Hitavada", Nagpur, was appointed to serve on the committee as a member?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) to (c) Though the Indo-Pakistan Agreement of December 1948 constituted a Consultative Committee for Information to meet from time to time there is no continuing Committee for this purpose. For every meeting of the Committee, membership is decided separately and nominated by the respective Governments according to their requirements and on the basis of certain decisions made regarding the composition of the Committee. Mr. Mani, Editor of "Hitavada", Nagpur was nominated twice to serve on the Committee as a representative of the press, once in June 1950 in Dacca and afterwards at the meeting called in New Delhi in April, 1960.

IMPORT OF CAUSTIC SODA BY STATE TRADING CORPORATION

*436. SHRI K. SANTHANAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of caustic soda in stock with the State Trading Corporation on the 1st April, 1960;

(b) whether the Corporation is selling caustic soda directly or through a commission agent and if it is the latter, at what commission; and

(c) whether it is a fact that indigenous producers are unable to market their product and they are being urged to export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) 18,000 tons approximately.

(b) S.T.C. is selling caustic soda through five distributors and their commission is Rs. 70 per ton.

(c) Only one indigenous producer has accumulated stocks. No producer has been urged to export caustic soda.

†PLOTS FOR DHOBI GHATS IN DELHI

*309. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government offered plots to the Delhi Municipal Corporation for the construction of Dhobi Ghats at several places in New Delhi; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Corporation were offered the sites on perpetual lease at a premium of Rs. 36,200 per acre representing the cost of acquisition and development of land plus 5 per cent. on it as annual ground rent.

†EMPLOYMENT OF UNI-OCULAR LABOUR IN UNDERGROUND MINING INDUSTRY

*310. SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prevented the employment of uni-ocular labour in the underground mining industry; and

(b) if so, what arrangements have been made for their rehabilitation or employment on the surface?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) and (b) Mine Managements have been advised that employment of uni-ocular persons underground would not be safe and that suitable occupation may be found on the surface for such persons.

†Postponed from the 19th August, 1960.