t [GRANT GIVEN TO PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL

*188. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether any grant is given to the Productivity Council and if so, what amount was given last year?]

THE MINISTER or INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUEHAI SHAH): Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs was given to the National Productivity Council as grant during 1958-59.

‡[उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : जी हां। १९५८-५९ में राष्ट्रीय उत्पादिता परिषद् को अनुदान के रूप में ५ लाख रु० की रकम दी गयी।]

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : ये [जो प्रोड-क्टिविटी काउंसिल की यूनिट्स हैं उनकी संख्या कितनी है और जो लोकल काउंसिल्स हैं क्या उनको भी ग्रांट्स में से] मदद दी जाती है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : छत्तीस काउंसिल यूनिट्स हैं और उनको पचास परसेंट इमदाद दी जाती है मैचिंग ग्रान्ट्स की बेसिस पर।

A.I.R. NEWS-BULLETIN ON WITHDRAWAL OF STRIKE BY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MADHYA PRADESH STATE

*189. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the 8:15 P.M. news-bulletin of the All-India Radio of December 17, 1959, relayed the News that the strike of Class III and IV employees of the Madhya Pradesh Government had been withdrawn?

†[ ] English translation. %[ ] Hindi translation.

THE MINISTER OK INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAH): In the English bulletin on the 17th December, 1959, it was mentioned that the strike of Madhya Pradesh Government employees was withdrawn in Gwalior, but in the Hindi bulletin at 8.15 P.M. the mention of Gwalior was unfortunately left out. However, when this came to the notice of the Director of News Services full details were given in the next Hindi news bulletin on the 18th morning.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Why was it not broadcast in Hindi when it was broadcast in English?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: It is an unfortunate mistake of the Hindi translators. An enquiry was made and they have been warned that such mistakes should not occur in future.

PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER TO CHIEF MINISTERS OF STATES ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES

*190. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has addressed a letter to the Chief Ministers of States with regard to the development of cities; and

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EX-EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, The Prime Minister addressed a letter to the Chief Ministers on October 29, 1959, which dealt with various steps to be taken for reducing costs in construction. In the course of this letter, the planned development of cities, with a view especially to avoid new slums being created, was referred to. A copy of this letter is laid on the Table of the House. (See *next page).*