

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CANALISING EXPORT OF LOW GRADE MANGANESE ORE THROUGH THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION

*620. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters of low-grade manganese ore have been asked to approach the State Trading Corporation for canalising exports;

(b) if so, which category of exporters are required to do so; and

(c) what is the quantity of low-grade ore exported as a result of such canalisation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO) : (a) and (b). The State Trading Corporation have offered to assist the shippers/mine owners, who are not in possession of export quota to implement their sale contract for the export of low grade ore of 42% and below with the help of the State Trading Corporation, who have agreed to forego their service charge in respect of such transactions.

(c) Nil.

M.P. FLATS AND BUNGALOWS

*645. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to refer to first supplementary to Starred Question No. 259 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1958 and state the break-up of the allotment of M.Ps' bungalows and flats between the members of the Lok Sabha and the members of the Rajya Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI K. C. REDDY) :

	<i>Lok Sabha</i>	<i>Rajya Sabha</i>
Bungalows	91 £*	37J*
Flats	309	120

*Some bungalows are in the joint occupation of members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN DISTRICTS OF UTTAR PRADESH

♦646. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent to the Planning Commission any plan for the development of the Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what action the Planning Commission have taken on it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed proposals for 1959-60 are awaited.

EMPLOYMENT OF INDIAN SHERPAS BY FOREIGN MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION TEAMS TO HIMALAYAN PEAKS

*647. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Sherpas are engaged by foreign mountaineering expedition teams to Himalayan peaks;

(b) the number of such Sherpas engaged during the years 1956 to 1958; and

(c) whether there has been any agitation against the participation of Indian Sherpas in such expeditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Such information is not kept as Sherpas are engaged on a private basis.

(c) Government is not aware of such agitation.