

CORPORATION TO RUN THE HEAVY MACHINE-BUILDING FACTORY AND THE FOUNDRY FORGE PLANT AT RANCHI

*119. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a corporation has been established by Government to run the heavy machine-building factory and the foundry forge plant at Ranchi and allied works? If so,

(b) where it has been established;

(c) what is the capital of the corporation; and

(d) who are the personnel of the corporation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) There is a proposal to set up a corporation in the near future.

(b) to (d). Details are still under consideration.

REPRESENTATION FROM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW INDIA GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

*120. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the employees of the New India General Assurance Company Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are their grievances; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) to (c). An industrial dispute relating to retrenchment has been raised by the employees of the New India Assurance Co. Ltd. The Conciliation Officer intervened in the matter. His report is being considered by Government.

VISIT OF UNITED STATES TRADE DELEGATION

*121. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade delegation from the United States of America is visiting this country; and

(b) if so, what is the purpose of their visit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). During October-November 1958, two U.S. Trade Missions arrived in India. One of them came at the invitation of the Government of India to advise on the reorganisation of the export trade to U.S.A. in handicrafts and handloom articles. It has since left India. The other Mission has been sent by the U.S. Government in connection with forthcoming American Small Industries Exhibition in Delhi. It is now touring Northern India.

NAVAL EXERCISES OF BAGHDAD PACT COUNTRIES IN ARABIAN SEA

*122. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Baghdad Pact' countries have organised a Naval Exercise in Arabian Sea close to India's coast during November 1958; and

(b) if so; the names of the countries which will participate in the Exercise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Exercise was in international waters between Karachi and Aden.

(b) According to reports, Pakistan, Britain, Turkey and U.S.A. have participated in the Exercise.

INDO-CEYLONESE AGREEMENT ON TEA INTERESTS

*123. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased