

there was a very heavy need of these, enquiries were made and it was reported that two cranes were available in Hong Kong. It will give some idea of the demand for these cranes that by the time our officer arrived there, one crane was already sold out.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know how old are these cranes and the estimated price at which the other crane is to be purchased?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: It is about 15 years old and the price demanded is £25,000. After repairs and incidental expenses including haulage, the expenses are likely to be about Rs. 6.75 lakhs.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know the tonnage of this crane?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: It is a 30 ton crane. I have mentioned this.

DR RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know as to what period this crane is expected to work if found satisfactory?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I cannot make a forecast about the future.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURIST OFFICE
COLOMBO

*372. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of the Government of India Tourist Office, Colombo, and

(b) the recurring expenditure being incurred by Government on this Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN
KABIR): (a) One officer and a staff
of three.

(b) Approximately Rs. 39,000 per annum.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : یہ دفتر
کتنے دنوں سے قائم ہے ؟

†[मौलाना एम० फारूकी : यह दफ्तर
कितने दिनों से कायम है ।]

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The office was opened in May, 1956, but an Information Assistant was posted in the Indian High Commission in October, 1954.

مولانا ایم فاروقی : اس میں جو
لوگ کام کر رہے ہیں وہ انڈین
ہیں یا وہیں کے لوگ ہیں ؟

†[मौलाना एम० फारूकी : इसमें जो
लोग काम कर रहे हैं वे इंडियन हैं या वहीं के
लोग हैं ।

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Well, I am afraid. . .

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Indian.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know if the number of tourists from Ceylon has increased after the opening of the Tourist Office there?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I anticipated this question. The figure in 1952 was 1,507; in 1953, it came to about 1,900; in 1955, after the Information Assistant was posted, it was over 3,200 and last year which was an exceptional year, it was over 12,000.

RICE SUPPLIED TO NEPAL IN 1957

*373. SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government have supplied rice to Nepal so far in the year 1957 and if so, how much?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M.
THOMAS): Yes, Sir.

2,500 tons of rice has already been supplied and another 3,500 tons including 400 tons, as free gift, is proposed

† [] Hindi transliteration.