

27. Vindhya Pradesh	...	95
28. Andamans	—
29. N. E. F. A.....		14
30. Pondicherry	57
GRAND TOTAL FOR STATES		7544

Most of the figures are based on the preliminary reports from the States and the details of the schemes are yet to be scrutinised. The scope of works in a number of States is likely to be altered when the detailed schemes are prepared.

EXTERNAL PUBLICITY

351. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the new proposals, if any, put into effect so far in 1956-57 to improve the arrangement for external publicity in foreign countries ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): The needs of India's external publicity abroad are kept constantly under review. For specific activities undertaken and improvements made in this direction, the Hon'ble Member is referred to the periodical Administration Reports of the Minister of External Affairs, which contain a chapter on external publicity as well.

Important new proposals which have so far been implemented during the year 1956-57, are as follows :—

(1) Three new publicity posts have been sanctioned for Belgrade, Damascus and Jeddah. The staff at Jeddah has been posted and the offices in Belgrade and Damascus are expected to start functioning very shortly.

(2) The existing publicity establishments at Djakarta, Kathmandu, Cairo, New York and Washington have been strengthened.

(3) A mobile Cinema Van has been provided to our office at Accra. Similar vans are being provided to offices in Bangkok, Colombo, Dacca, Diakana, Karachi, Lahore, Nairobi, Sikkim and Suva.

DEVELOPMENTS OF HILL STATIONS

152. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amount was made available to any of the States in India for the development of hill stations during the First Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) if so, which are those hill stations and what was the expenditure incurred on the development of each of them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). The First Five Year Plan did not include any scheme relating to the development of hill stations.

SCHEMES INVOLVING FOREIGN COLLABORATION

353. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial schemes involving foreign collaboration that were examined in 1955-56 by the Development Wing ; and

(b) how many of them were sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) 173.

(b) 89.

TEXTILE MILLS OWNED BY FOREIGNERS

354. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills in India are at present owned by foreigners; and

(b) which are those mills?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI S. N. SINGH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

नेपाल सरकार के भारतीय कर्मचारियों को नेपाली सिक्के में वेतन की श्रावणगी

३५५. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल सरकार ने अपने भारतीय कर्मचारियों को नेपाल के सिक्के में वेतन देने का निश्चय कर लिया