

(c) what is the agency through which they were recruited; and

(d) how much salary and allowances are paid to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA):

(a) None.

(b), (c) and (d). Do not arise.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Is it a fact that a few foreign experts are attached to the Statistical Wing of the Planning Commission?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: No, Sir, they came to the Indian Statistical Institute and not to the Planning Commission.

INDIAN TEXTILE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO CEYLON

*196. SHRI B. C. GHOSE (ON BEHALF OF SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian textile delegation visited Ceylon some time back;

(b) if so, for what purpose the delegation was sent;

(c) whether it has submitted any recommendations for the promotion of export* of Indian Textiles; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the main recommendations?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) A delegation sponsored by the Cotton Textile Promotion Council has recently visited East Asian Countries including Ceylon.

(b) The purpose for which the delegation went was to carry out an "on the spot" market survey regarding Indian Textile Exports to those countries. The delegation is still engaged in the preparation of its report, (d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CENTRAL AID FOR FLOOD CONTROL SCHEMES IN ANDHRA

♦174. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra have approached the Central Government for assistance to finance their flood control schemes;

(b) if so, the names of the projects for which the aid is sought;

(c) the amount of aid asked for; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d). Do not arise.

PROSPECTING WORK IN KORBA COAL FIELD

*197. SHRI RATANLAL KISHORI-LAL MALVIYA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) how long the work of prospecting the area has been going on in the Korba Coal fields, and what are the results and costs thereof so far; and

(b) when do Government expect to start extraction and despatch of coal from Korba?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) The work of prospecting the area was begun by the Officers of the Central Government on the 30th May 1955 and is still in progress. Two bore-holes have been completed and a third is in progress. A report received from the

Coal Commissioner shows that two coal seams have been located. The expenditure so far incurred including all incidental charges is about 5Rs. 45,000.