

during 1952 was as follows:—No. of pairs
 Western type leather footwear 3,343-852
 Indian type leather footwear 1,803,302
 Rubber footwear 22,239,511

TOTAL 27,386,665

Figures regarding boots, chappals and shoes separately are not available.

(c) Four of these factories are entirely owned by foreigners while in another part of the investment is foreign.

(d) It is not considered desirable to divulge information regarding production of individual factories.

INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

160. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of our foreign missions in (i) Asia; (ii) Europe; and (iii) the United States of America; and

(b) how many of the heads of such missions are officials and how many are non-officials?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) The number of diplomatic and consular posts is (i) Asia 40; (ii) Europe 12; and (iii) U. S. A. 4.

(b) Officials 39 (including one concurrently accredited to more than one country); non-officials 10 (including one concurrently accredited to more than one country; and vacant 5.

ABDUCTED GIRLS

161. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the *Hindustan Times* of the 25th August 1953, that a large number of Hindu and Sikh abducted girls are being kept by certain officers of the Pakistan Armed Forces; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the officer in charge of the recovery work in India recently lodged a complaint or a protest with the Pakistan authorities and the Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army against the illegal detention of abducted girls by Pakistan Army Officers; if so, with what result?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) The attention of Government has been drawn to this report. In ■, both India and Pakistan, it has sometimes been stated that officials and leading citizens have possessed, or are in possession of, abducted women. The -Central Recovery Offices in both countries have enquired into cases brought before them. They came to the conclusion that it was not possible to -make any definite statement about this matter till they have completed' an investigation of all the claims.

(b) No official protest has been made, but in the normal course, the Commanders-in-Chief of both India and.? Pakistan were requested by the respective Recovery Organisations For the search of those abducted persons who were alleged to be in the custody of any armed forces personnel.

EXPORT OF MICA

162. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding the quality of ' our mica exports, if so, from which countries;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to remedy the defects; if so, what are these steps; and

(c) which other countries are competing with India in mica?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI) :

(a) and (b) India is by -far the largest exportet of mica. By"