

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Are these books for free distribution and to whom are they distributed?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: They are distributing the books and pamphlets free for popularising the Plan.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

KOREAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN INDIA

*167. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Korean prisoners of war who are still in India; and

(b) what arrangements are being made for their rehabilitation and repatriation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) There are 11 ex-Korean prisoners of war still in India.

(b) Five of them were originally optees for India and employment suitable to their training has been found for them. The remaining six were originally optees for other neutral countries. None of the neutral countries to which these prisoners desired to settle have yet accepted them. Government is at present awaiting replies from one neutral country and is also considering other methods of rehabilitating them. For the time being they live in a Government camp where lodging is free and a monthly pocket allowance of Rs. 50 is paid to each one of them in addition to a ration allowance of Rs. 50 per month.

WITHDRAWAL OF OFFER OF AMNESTY MADE TO NACA HOSTILES

*168. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to withdraw the offer of amnesty made to the Naga hostiles in 1957?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): So far no time limit has been fixed for the duration of the amnesty period. The matter is reviewed from time to time.

EXPORT OF COTTON TEXTILES DURING 1958

*169. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of cotton textiles exported during the year 1958;

(b) how that compares with the export during the previous year; and

(c) what are the reasons for the decline if any?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The quantity and value of export of cotton textiles since 1-1-58 to 30-11-58 and during the corresponding period of 1957 (including handloom) are given below:

Qty. in	Value in million yds.	million Rs.
1-1-57 to 30-11-57	815.4	6000
1-1-58 to 30-11-58	567.4	417*0

(c) The main reasons for the decline can be attributed to the emergence of textile units in some of our traditional markets, the raising of tariff barriers, and keen competition from other principal textile producing countries, both in price and in qualities.