

**Shri Karmarkar:** From exports to trade agreements! I am afraid, Sir, I require notice.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether imports by these countries have lessened due to the bad quality of our goods?

**Shri Karmarkar:** No, Sir.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, the over-all balance of trade in 1950-51 and 1951-52?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is fairly satisfactory.

#### FLOOD DISCHARGE OF KOSI

\*413. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state how the flood discharge of river Kosi in the year 1952 compares with the flood discharge of the same river during the last four years?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** Peak discharge of the river Kosi in Chatra Gorge (at Barahakshetra) during the years 1948 to 1952 are as under:—

13-7-1948	4,78,442	Cusecs.
19-7-1949	3,75,717	"
20-8-1950	3,40,661	"
24-8-1951	2,56,284	"
24-9-1952.	3,10,000	"

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Is it a fact that some new areas of Darbhanga and Saharsa Districts of Bihar have been affected by this river?

**Shri Hathi:** Sir, the Survey of the area affected by flood in 1952 has not yet been complete. But, it is a fact that some areas have been affected.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know, Sir, whether this river has taken an eastward swing again?

**Shri Hathi:** I am not aware of that.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

\*414. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) at which stage the Community Development Projects of West Bengal stand at present;

(b) whether District Development Committees and Project Advisory Committees have been formed;

(c) whether social workers for the field work have been recruited and trained; and

(d) if so, how many?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) After the preliminary survey of the areas, work has commenced in eight development blocks allotted to West Bengal.

(b) and (c). Not yet.

(d) Does not arise.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, what will be the status of the District Development Officer?

**Shri Nanda:** The District Development Officer is a District Development Officer.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, whether any Deputy Development Commissioner has been appointed in West Bengal? If so, what will be his functions and also his status?

**Shri Nanda:** Sir, I have no information today with me as to whether a Deputy Development Commissioner has been appointed.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, the number of projects taken up in West Bengal and the number of villages covered thereby? Has any Centre been opened in North Bengal?

**Shri Nanda:** There are 8 development blocks and work has been started in all those 8 development blocks.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Is the hon. Minister aware that apart from the usual fanfare on the inauguration day, nothing material has been done to enthuse the people?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know, Sir, whether the work in some of these projects is unsatisfactory because there is lack of trained personnel?

**Shri Nanda:** Sir, personnel for the work in the project is being trained and by the end of December the requisite personnel will begin to be made available.

**Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** May I know, Sir, what is the agency for the recruitment of the workers and officers for these projects in West Bengal?

**Shri Nanda:** Recruitment has been made by a process of selection in the first instance. For that purpose, Selection Committees were appointed.

**Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** Has the Bengal Government any say in it? Is the recruitment done by the Bengal Government?