

Shri N. Rachiah: It is stated in the statement that information pertaining to 12 out of the 16 items is not available. May I know the reason why this information is not available when the grants are made to the State Government?

Shri Hathi: These subjects are dealt with, as can be seen, by different Ministries. For example, cottage industries, National Malaria control, Industrial Housing, Single Teacher Schools, Rehabilitation, all these are dealt by different Ministries, and it will take some time before we can collect the information from them.

Shri N. Rachiah: May I know what is the progress made under each item of this statement?

Shri Hathi: So far as these two items are concerned, namely, Loan Assistance from Special Development Fund and the Grow More Food schemes, it will be seen that the whole amount has been spent under the first and under the second out of Rs. 373 lakhs. Rs. 197.83 lakhs have been spent. The progress regarding other items is to be ascertained from the other Ministries.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether the Government is aware of the assurance given by the hon. Mr. Kidwai while inaugurating the Malnad Conference that more assistance will be given to the Malnad development and, if so, what action has been taken by the Government to implement this assurance?

Shri Hathi: That will be considered when the matter comes before the Planning Commission.

Shri Thimmaiah: In addition to the amount sanctioned in the Five Year Plan, has any more amount been given to the Mysore Government on representation?

Shri Hathi: Rs. 3 crores have been sanctioned for the Bhadra works.

भारत इण्डिया रेडियो

*२०३८. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत इण्डिया रेडियो ने १ सितम्बर, १९५२ से ३१ अगस्त, १९५३ तक छूटछाट मिटाने सम्बन्धी प्रचार के लिये कितने प्रोग्राम प्रसारित किये ; और

(ख) ये प्रोग्राम कितनी भाषाओं में तथा किन किन केन्द्रों से प्रसारित किये गये ?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) 41.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 72]

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जान सकता हूँ कि क्या इसमें से कुछ प्रोग्राम देहाती लोगों के लिए भी किये गये थे ? क्या दिल्ली केन्द्र से भी इस तरह के कोई प्रोग्राम किये गये, और यदि नहीं किये गये तो क्यों नहीं किये गये ?

डा० केसकर : अछूतोद्धार के लिए हर स्टेशन से कुछ न कुछ देहाती प्रोग्राम किये गये हैं। अब मैं यह नहीं कह सकता कि इसमें कितने देहाती प्रोग्राम के हैं और कितने मामूली टॉक्स हैं।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ, जैसा कि विवरण में दिया गया है, कि दिल्ली से और कुछ अन्य केन्द्रों से अंग्रेजी में इस तरह के प्रोग्राम किये गये, इन का क्या उद्देश्य है ?

डा० केसकर : इनका उद्देश्य यह है कि अमी अंग्रेजी के समझने वाले कुछ लोग हैं और अमी तक हमारे यहां अन्तरप्रान्तीय भाषा अंग्रेजी है। इसलिये कुछ कार्यक्रम अंग्रेजी में भी होना जरूरी है। यह मैं मानता

हैं कि ज्यादातर अंग्रेजी में करने से कोई फायदा नहीं है।

श्री पी. एल. बाळ्याल : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो छुआछूत मिटाने के विषय में अगल इंडिया रेडियो द्वारा प्रोग्राम रखे गये थे क्या उनमें भाषण के अलावा अन्य प्रोग्राम किस प्रकार के थे ?

Dr. Keskar: The statement is regarding all features regarding un-touchability. Most of them are talks and a few are dialogues also.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या सरकार यह वाजिब समझती है कि अस्पृश्यता निवारण के लिए भी अगल इंडिया रेडियो से प्रोग्राम प्रसारित किया जाय और महीने में एक बार खरूर किया जाय ?

डा० केशकर : अस्पृश्यता निवारण के लिए सरकार जितना अधिक से अधिक प्रोग्राम रख सकती है रखती है और इससे भी अधिक करना चाहती है।

IMPORTED CASHEW-NUTS

*2040. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers are not taking their supplies of raw cashew-nuts from importers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be the effect of such action on employment and on the export of processed nuts?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Enquiries made show that the manufacturers have been negotiating with the importers for satisfactory terms particularly in the matter of obtaining an allowance for supplies of defective nuts. While these negotiations are progressing substantial business in

imported nuts is reported to have been done.

(c) The indigenous nuts are now already in the market. Exports are not likely to be affected.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire how much quantity is necessary for processing in India and how much out of it is met by internal sources?

Shri Karmarkar: About half and half; 50,000 tons either way.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know whether Government is aware that the processors have formed themselves into a syndicate and undertaken the purchase and distribution of cashew-nuts?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire further whether any representation has been received from the syndicate for any financial assistance, and if so, what steps have Government taken?

Shri Karmarkar: I am not aware of any request for financial assistance, but I should like notice of the question.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know how many factories of processing have been closed down recently and whether there is any possibility of re-opening any of them in the near future?

Shri Karmarkar: I have not got the exact figures of factories that have been closed down, but we do know that on account of the attitude of the Bombay importers, certain factories chose to resist buying from them, and, therefore, they lessened their production, but now it is understood that the indigenous production of cashew-nuts in kernel is 50,000 tons, and that 18,000 tons of imported quantity has been lifted. So, the factories should now be in production.

Shri N. Somana: In view of the fact that this is a dollar-earning industry,