

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Government have not received any loan or other assistance directly in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign from any of the sources mentioned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As already stated, no part of the assistance received from these sources is utilised directly for the Grow More Food Campaign.

DAM ON RIVER NAYAR

*1084. **Shri Bhakta Darshan:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigations about the proposed dam at Marora on the river Nayar in district Garhwal (U.P.) have been completed;

(b) the final recommendations of the experts about its feasibility;

(c) the amount of money estimated to be spent on its construction;

(d) the expenditure so far incurred on the project;

(e) whether it has been included in the Five Year Plan; and

(f) if not, whether it will be taken up in any future Plans?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) It is not possible to give any indication at this stage.

STANDING COMMITTEES

*1085. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 247 asked on the 27th February, 1952 and state:

(a) whether the Government of India have now finally decided to abolish the Standing Committees attached to various Ministries; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay in getting such Committees set up as usual?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

MATCH INDUSTRY

*1086. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry, be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative position of Match Industry in India from the year 1948 to 1951 so far as production figures are concerned;

(b) whether matches manufactured in India are sufficient to meet the requirement of the Country; and

(c) the quantum of export or import of matches in 1951-52?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Production of matches during the years 1948 to 1951 is given below:—

Year	Production
	(In cases of 50 gross boxes of 60 sticks each)
1948	5,33,610
1949	5,28,755
1950	5,19,395
1951	5,77,472

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)

	Value	
	In cases of 50 gross boxes of 60 sticks each.	
		Rs.
Exports	440	87.597
Imports	10 Approx.	1,548

SOUND SYSTEMS IN PARLIAMENT

*1087. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the respective costs of the installations of sound equipments in the House of the People and the Council of States and the recurring expenditure (monthly or annually) on the maintenance of the equipments;

(b) whether they have been imported from foreign countries and if so, from what countries and through what agencies; and

(c) whether the systems used in either Chamber are latest discoveries or only old ones?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Cost of the sound equipments, including air freight, customs duty and installation charges, in the House of the People and the Council of States is Rs. 78,561 and Rs. 53,813 respectively, and the monthly recurring expenditure for both the Houses together is Rs. 500.