

gether with the names of the countries to which they were exported; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the export of raw hides has decreased since 1949 onwards and if so, by what per cent. per year?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 45 tons of raw hide were exported to Turkey and Western Germany from January, 1952 to April 1952.

(b) As compared to 1949, exports of raw hide decreased by 20 per cent. in 1950 but increased by 100 per cent. in 1951. They are not allowed now.

TRACTOR MANUFACTURE

***2068. Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capital invested in the industry of tractor manufacture is Indian; and

(b) if not, what is the percentage of Indian and foreign capital invested in it?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). So far only three firms have indicated their intention to start manufacture of tractors in India. Of these two have wholly Indian capital. The third firm, who have also manufacturing programme for automobiles and other products besides tractors, have 6.7 per cent. foreign capital.

INDIAN CULTIVATORS IN NEPAL

***2069. Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Nepal allow the Indian citizens who have their cultivation in Nepal to import paddy or rice from that country to India; and

(b) if not, what are the steps taken by the Government of India to safeguard the interests of Indian cultivators in Nepal?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The Indian Embassy in Nepal has recently received a representation from certain Indians that they are experiencing some difficulties in getting into India rice grown in their lands in Nepal. The Embassy has approached the Government of Nepal in the matter.

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VERIFICATION OF CLAIMS

***2070. Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that claims are distributed among claims officers according to location of property in Pakistan, that is, claims of persons residing in a town or District in India are sent to one or more claims officers of that locality; and

(b) whether it is a fact that very often these claims officers have to go on tour to very distant places and for a very short time as the claims they have to verify are few in number and are of a very small amount?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

ELECTRICITY FROM FARIDABAD

***2071. Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) when do Government expect to get electricity from Faridabad to meet the increased demand of New Delhi;

(b) which areas will be covered by this scheme; and

(c) whether it will serve Old Delhi also and if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) The Government do not now expect to get electricity from Faridabad.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

RAW MATERIAL FOR NEPA MILLS

***2072. Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 1203 replied on the 26th June, 1952 regarding Nepa Paper Mills and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "bamboo", which is the main raw material in the manufacture of paper is not available nearby these Paper Mills;

(b) whether it is a fact that the pulp of other bamboo-like trees which are grown nearby these Paper Mills was sent to America for examination; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the examination report received by Government?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir. Bamboos are available in large quantities in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The examination report received by the National Newsprint and Paper Mills indicated that newsprint from salai wood and bamboo was a commercial possibility.

MYSORE BROADCASTING STATION

***2073. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the broadcasting station at Mysore is going to be transferred to Bangalore; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) The present transmitter at Mysore will not be installed in Bangalore. A high power transmitter is proposed to be installed at Bangalore.

(b) The high power transmitter will be installed as soon as possible. It is high in the priority of the Five Year Development Plan.

MALARIA CONTROL UNDER IRRIGATION PROJECT

***2074. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is estimated for anti-malarial measures under each of the major Irrigation Projects which are being executed at present; and

(b) whether the amount so set apart is considered sufficient for fully controlling malaria in the irrigated area under those projects?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR D.V.C.

***2075. Shri Krishna Chandra:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the following remarks in the Annual Report of Damodar Valley Corporation, Part one, on page 1.

"Orders for those (that is plant and equipment) were channelled through the Director General of Industries and Supplies, early in January, 1951, but

orders for the supplies were actually placed in June, 1951. This delay could not but adversely affect the construction schedule for the Konar Gravity Dam;

(b) what are the causes responsible for this delay in placement of the orders; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure more promptness in such matters?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Buragohain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position stated in the Report is not correct. There was no delay in placing the orders on the suppliers. Four indents were received by the D.G.S. and D. on the 4th January 1951, from the Damodar Valley Corporation. As the supplies were to be arranged from sources in Germany and Switzerland, as located by the Corporation's consultants, the indents were cross-mandated to the Director General, India Stores Department, London on 6th January 1951 i.e. within 48 hours. Three indents were covered in February and March 1951 after making the necessary enquiries through the Indian Embassies in Germany and Switzerland about the financial standing etc., of the firms selected by the Corporation. As regards the fourth indent, one of the items was subsequently cancelled. The remaining items were superseded by fresh indents placed by the Corporation on 12th March 1951 and 20th March 1951. Complete specifications had to be obtained from the Consultants and the items were then covered in June 1951.

(c) Does not arise.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

***2076. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) when the Community Projects in Rajasthan are expected to begin; and

(b) what amount of money will be spent over them?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) By 1st October, 1952.

(b) The estimated expenditure is Rs. 151.67 lakhs for three years.

BROADCASTING STATIONS FOR RAJASTHAN AND MADHYA BHARAT

***2077. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no Broadcasting Station