

(c) whether there is any scheduled rate for those works?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Construction of the Telephone Exchange building, estimated to cost Rs. 5 lakhs, and re-erection of 3 Butler Hangers and 2 Bellman Hangers, at an estimated cost of Rs. 6 lakhs, by the Central Public Works Department, at Bangalore are in progress.

(b) Executive Engineer, Madras Central Division, Central Public Works Department, whose office is located at Madras.

(c) Yes, Sir.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

***167. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the planned Community Projects have been started and are working; and

(b) if any has not started working, the reason for the same?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

PAY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RAILWAY COLLIERIES

***168. Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the award of the Central Pay Commission has been implemented in all the departments of all Railway Collieries; and

(b) if not, the names of such exceptions and the reason therefor?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). Scales of pay have been prescribed for all posts in the various departments of all Railway Collieries. A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the various categories of workers for whom the scales have already been given effect to. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 37].

In the case of the remaining categories, the prescribed scales have not yet been applied, pending their classification by the Chief Mining Engineer into skilled, unskilled etc. workers.

KHOSLA COMMITTEE REPORT

***169. Shri Gopala Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state

the reasons for not yet publishing the Khosla Committee's Report?

(b) Is it a fact that the Khosla Committee has recommended Nandikonda Project for inclusion in the Five year Plan?

(c) When are Government going to place a copy of the Khosla Committee's Report on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 38].

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

***170. Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what are the commodities covered by Imperial Preference?

(b) What specific measures of preference are applied in respect of each of them?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The commodities in respect of which preferences have been exchanged with the United Kingdom and the British Colonies are described in Schedules I to VI to the U.K. India Trade Agreement of 1939, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

(b) I presume that by "measures of preference" the Member is referring to the margins of preference granted under the Agreement. These are also given in the Schedules referred to above.

FOREIGN FIRMS IN INDIA

***171. Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many foreign firms and industrial concerns are in India at present and which country has the largest number of such firms and concerns in India?

(b) What is the total number of foreign personnel employed in those companies and firms (taking all cadres)?

(c) Have Government given any directions to those concerns after August, 1947 that Indian personnel are to be preferred as new recruits and if so, how is the response?

(d) Is it a fact that in recent times, big foreign firms have begun to show an attitude of disfavour to Indian recruits?