

(b) The Indian High Commission in Karachi have been asked to urge the Government of Pakistan to expedite their reply.

Hand-Pounded Rice

*932. **Shri Madiah Gowda** : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 742 on the 5th April, 1956 and state :

(a) the extent to which each one of the development programmes initiated for increased production of hand-pounded rice has been given effect to ; and

(b) the quantity of rice produced during the year 1955-56?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 53].

(b) Final estimate of total production of rice works out to twenty-five millions four hundred and seventy-four thousand tons.

Manufacture of Printing Machines

*933. **Shri Wodeyar** : Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state :

(a) whether a contract for Printing Machines has been concluded by Government with a Kettering (Northamptonshire firm ;

(b) if so, the total cost involved; and

(c) when these machines are expected to be delivered?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar) : (a) No direct contract has been placed with a Kettering firm for printing machinery but a contract has been placed on a Calcutta firm for 22 Rotary printing machines manufactured by a Kettering firm.

(b) 22-68 lakhs.

(c) The delivery is expected to commence 18 months from the date of the placing of the order and would be completed in 30 months.

All India Radio

*934. **Shri Chandak**: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether only Government officials are allowed to speak about the Five Year Plans over the All India Radio:

(b) whether the All India Radio have any plan to invite leading economists, industrialists and public leaders to speak on the formulation and progress of the Plans;

(c) whether the speeches of Government planners broadcast from Delhi are always in English; and

(d) whether the All India Radio contemplate broadcasting such speeches in Hindi and also in other regional languages?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keekar): (a) No, Sir. Both officials and non-officials are invited to broadcast on the Five Year Plan.

(b) Broadcasts by such persons have been and will continue to be arranged.

(c) No, Sir. The broadcasts are arranged both in English and other Indian languages.

(d) Does not arise.

नवेली की कोयले की खान

*९३५. डा० राम सुभग सिंह : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवेली की कोयले की खान से पानी बाहर निकालने के कार्य में क्या कोई प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस खान में कोयला निकालने का काम कब से शुरू होगा ?

उत्पादन मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्री रा० नि० दुबे) : (क) नवेली में बड़े पैमाने पर अभी तक किये गये पर्याप्त-परीक्षणों ने सिद्ध कर दिया है कि पर्याप्त द्वारा पानी के तल को काफी कम किया जा सकता है, जिस से लिग्नाइट का खनन सुरक्षित तथा प्रायिक दृष्टि से ठीक रूप से हो सके।

(ख) खान में प्रारम्भिक काम मलवे को हटाना होगा। बड़े पैमाने पर लिग्नाइट के निकालने का काम १९५६-६० में प्रारम्भ होना निर्धारित हुआ है।

Evacuee Properties in Saurashtra

*936. **Shri S. C. Samanta**: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 77 evacuee properties in Saurashtra have been classified as allotable and non-allotable;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether many separate buildings or the separate portions of some evacuee have been valued together; and

(d) whether this is according to evacuee property rules?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehar Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). The valuation of evacuee properties in