

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

\*1768. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government of India to popularise International Competitions in sports and athletics;

(b) if so, what is the amount of money, if any, spent on this score during 1950-51 and 1951-52?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) The Government of India have from time to time given grants to associations participating in international sports and athletic competitions.

(b) The grants given by the Government of India for this purpose amounted in 1950-51 to Rs. 37,276 and in 1951-52 to Rs. 10,000.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know why this reduction in 1951-52?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Because there was not any particular demand before the Government.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether Government is aware that many of the applications for assistance for international sports have not been attended to in time?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I have no information.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Are Government aware that the U. S. S. R. has invited an Indian volley ball team to participate in a tournament in Moscow and, if so, are Government contemplating any financial aid to that team?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I get this information from the hon. Member.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Has the Government contributed anything to the present cricket team to England and to the Olympic meet at Helsinki?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Government did contribute some money to the team going to Helsinki last year but this year there has not been any contribution to the cricket team.

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** My young colleague does not seem to know the latest developments. Government has given Rs. 1½ lakhs towards the team going from here to Helsinki.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Does the Government take any interest in the organisation of sports and athletics in

India, and, if so, through what body or organisation, so that India may be able to compete in international sports competitions?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid the question is very vague and general.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The principal body is the All-India Olympic Association which deals with such matters.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know what steps Government are taking in order to see that in international competitions our teams do not lag behind?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I will go to the short notice questions. The Question List is over.

## Short Notice Questions and Answers

## FLOODS IN RIVER KOSI

126. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the river Kosi is in abnormal high floods for a week as a result of which all means of transport and communications have been completely paralysed and the survey and investigation works, done by the Government of India to start construction of Belka Dam Scheme for harnessing the river, have been dislocated?

**The Minister of State for Finance (Shri Tyagi):** The Kosi at Barahshetra reached a peak discharge of 200,000 cusecs on 10th July 1952 and is now falling. This is only medium flood. Communications normally get interrupted with a flood of this magnitude and this happens almost every year in the Kosi area. Survey work and trial boring at the Belka Dam was suspended from 1st July due to heavy rains before the occurrence of flood on 9th July, and will be resumed in October. Work of surveys on canals has been slowed down due to rains and will be accelerated from October.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government aware of the fact that such floods are a regular annual feature of this river?

**Shri Tyagi:** I have already stated that the floods are repeated practically every year. The construction of the dam and the other flood control projects there have been taken up only on that account.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government in a position to give the acreage of jute and paddy crops that has been devastated as a result of floods this year?

**Shri Tyagi:** I am sorry I have not got the figures.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Are Government aware of the fact that in recent years

the magnitude of the floods has increased and new areas of Saharsa and Darbhanga have been flooded?

**Shri Tyagi:** Investigations made during the past few years show that the flood discharge had reached the following figures:

1947	3,12,000 cusecs.
1948	4,78,000 cusecs.
1949	3,79,000 cusecs.
1950	3,14,000 cusecs.

Last year it was only 2,56,000 cusecs.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Government kindly state whether the loss caused by the Kosi every year to the community amounts to Rs. 4 to 5 crores?

**Shri Tyagi:** I cannot say the exact figure but very painfully Government is aware of it.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** In view of the colossal loss caused by the Kosi every year do the Government propose to include this scheme in the Five Year Plan?

**Shri Tyagi:** The scheme has already been taken in hand and investigations are proceeding. The investigation of the Kosi project was in fact started so far back as 1946. A Committee has now been appointed to make final investigations. One project is under the examination of that Committee. Various interim reports have already been received and examined and work has already been taken in hand.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know the decision of the Government on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to which the hon. Minister has just referred?

**Shri Tyagi:** The recommendation of the Committee is to put up a large dam, 780 ft. high, at Barakshetra in Nepal to impound 6.9 million acre feet of water in the reservoir, of which 3.1 million acre feet would be dead storage to provide silt reserve, the remaining 3.8 million acre feet providing flood absorption capacity for regulating flood and for generating a large block of hydro-electric power estimated at 1.8 million KW. Another recommendation is the construction of a barrage at Chhatra in Nepal and canals for irrigating 5.2 lakh acres in Nepal and 33.2 lakh acres in Bihar and for generating 90,000 KW hydro-electric power on the eastern canal. There are many other recommendations. If my friend is interested I can show him the recommendations.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Pending the construction of the Belka dam do Government 156 P.S.D.

ment propose to undertake some short-term relief and rehabilitation measures in the area?

**Shri Tyagi:** It will be difficult for me to reply to such a detailed question. As I have said, my hon. friend can just meet me in my office and I will explain to him whatever details he wants.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha:** May I know if it is a fact that this Kosi project is being compared to some of the projects in the South from the point of view of investment and return?

**Shri Tyagi:** If by "comparing" my hon. friend refers to the construction, we surely compare one project with another as far as the efficiency in the construction of the work is concerned. As regards the investment it is impossible to compare one project with another because every project needs capital according to its own local requirements.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha:** I wanted to know whether without giving due consideration to the human miseries involved and the loss sustained through this Kosi river, Government are comparing this scheme with others from the point of view of the cost involved and the return that Government will get out of it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has not the previous reply covered this particular point?

**Shri D. N. Tiwary:** May I know whether Government are aware that after the flood subsides malaria spreads and takes a heavy toll of life?

**Shri Tyagi:** As I said, Government are painfully aware of all these things.

पंडित मुनीश्वर वत्स उपाध्याय: क्या यह सही है कि यह डैम दुनिया का सबसे ऊंचा डैम होगा? इसके व्यय का तखमीना क्या है?

**श्री त्यागी:** जहां तक इसकी ऊंचाई का ताल्लुक है इसमें कोई शक नहीं कि यह डैम दुनिया के सबसे ऊंचे डैमों में से एक होगा। इसके तखमीने की बाबत में अभी सही फ़िगरस नहीं दे सकूंगा। क्योंकि अभी कुछ तबदीलियों की सिफ़ारिश हुई है और उन तबदीलियों का फिर से मिलान करने के बाद फ़ैसला किया जा सकेगा कि इसमें पूरा रूपया बितना खर्च होगा।

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether Government have taken a decision on the report submitted by the Expert Committee?

**Shri Tyagi:** There is one Advisory Committee which is examining the recommendations regarding this project and they are making some experiments in boring, soil testing etc. on the spot. Actually, these operations were going on when the rains came and they had to be suspended. These activities will be resumed soon, and Government will be able to take a decision.

**Mr. Speaker:** We shall go to the next short notice question.

#### COAL

**127. Shri G. D. Somani:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of wagons supplied for the transport of coal to the collieries in West Bengal and Bihar for the period from January to June, 1952;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply of wagons has been inadequate to the total requirements and that the stock of coal at the pit heads has increased to such an extent that serious curtailment of production is apprehended unless the number of wagons is increased in proportion to requirements;

(c) whether Government have received any representations from the various other industries in regard to the inadequate supply of wagons;

(d) when and to what extent the supply of wagons will improve in the near future?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) The average daily loadings from the West Bengal/Bihar fields during January to June, 1952, were as follows:

Month	Wagons
January	2,939
February	3,044
March	2,997
April	3,067
May	3,037
June	3,012

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, there have been a number of representations from other industries regarding shortage of wagons for their coal supplies.

(d) The Coal traffic can count on a suitable share of the overall improve-

ment in the wagon position of the Indian Railways to the extent of about 3,000 wagons which is expected to materialise in about a year's time.

**Shri G. D. Somani:** May I enquire what was the stock of coal on the 31st December 1951 and what is the comparative figure of the stock on the 30th June 1952?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** On the 31st December, the stock was 2 million 96 thousand and 617 tons. At the end of May 1952, the stock was 3 million 386 thousand and 214 tons.

**Shri G. D. Somani:** Is it a fact that about 50,000 workers have been or are likely to be retrenched due to the curtailment of production owing to the inadequate supply of wagons?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot give any definite information regarding that point.

**Shri G. D. Somani:** May I know whether it is possible by improving the operational efficiency of the railways to increase the number of wagons for the supply of coal requirement?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That is a question which my hon. colleague the Railway Minister has to answer.

**Shri B. K. Das:** What is the usual stock at the pitheads?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** It varies from month to month.

**Shri B. K. Das:** Can I have some idea?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I shall give you the figures. At the end of January 1952, it was 2 million and odd tons. At the end of February it was 2,608,956 tons. At the end of March it was 2,893,753 tons. At the end of April it was 3,201,340 tons. The May figure I have already given.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know what is the requirement of West Bengal in respect of wagons for transport of coal to that State?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot give the requirements of West Bengal separately but the total requirements of wagons for transport of coal is 3,500.

**Shri B. K. Das:** Is the hon. Minister aware that in a Press interview the Supply Minister of West Bengal stated that 90 wagons were required daily for the transport of coal to West Bengal and actually only 51 wagons were being supplied?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** It may be so, but I cannot definitely commit myself.