

(a) the quantity of raw silk produced in India during 1951-52;

(b) the quantity, if any, imported during the same period;

(c) the name of the State which produced the biggest quantity;

(d) the total area under mulberry trees during 1950-51 and 1952; and

(e) whether any steps are being taken to encourage sericulture?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 1,922,088 lbs.

(b) 676,461, lbs.

(c) Mysore.

(d) A statement showing the area under mulberry bush as also the number of mulberry trees cultivated during 1950, 1951 and 1952 is laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir.

STATEMENT

Year	Acreage under Mulberry Cultivation.	Number of Mulberry trees.
1950	114,991	1,942,082
1951	149,758	1,930,356
1952	No increase over the figures for 1951 is at present contemplated by the various State Governments.	

SHRI SUDHIR GHOSH

***1069. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Shri Sudhir Ghosh has gone to America for directly negotiating a loan from the U.S. Government for a Pilot Community Project covering the village surrounding the Faridabad Township?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): No. He has gone there in his personal capacity, after resigning his post in Government service.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN FARIDABAD TOWNSHIP

***1070. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to relieve unemployment in the Faridabad Township?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): The Government intend to establish a Diesel Engine Factory at Faridabad in collaboration with a German firm and this factory will ultimately employ over 1,000 workers. Some private industrialists

have been allotted factory sites, prominent amongst them being those for the manufacture of artificial jewellery, embroidery goods, rubber goods, and glass factory. It has also been decided to shift the Government printing Press from Simla to Faridabad; this press will provide employment for a number of workers. The Indian Co-operative Union have been given funds to start certain small-scale industries and this will employ about 500 workers.

In the meanwhile the Faridabad administration has been given contracts for construction work in Malviyanagar, Kalkajee, Lajpatnagar and Karbala, to provide employment to the residents of the township temporarily till opportunities for employment of a more permanent nature can be created.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

***1071. Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the 55 Community Projects selected so far will begin functioning on 1st September, 1952;

(b) how many more projects are expected to be taken up during the next year;

(c) when do the Planning Commission expect to cover all the villages in India under such Community Projects;

(d) when do Government expect to receive a further loan from the U.S. Government for the Community Projects; and

(e) whether the loan is being negotiated on the same terms as those incorporated in the Indo-U.S. Technical Co-operative Agreement?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) According to the time table which was worked out at the Development Commissioner's Conference held last month, work on the projects is expected to commence early in October 1952.

(b) and (c). The present programme is the first step in a programme of intensive development which is expected over a period of years, to cover the entire country. The precise order in which this expansion programme will be undertaken will be determined from time to time depending upon resources available.

(d) and (e). While there are indications that further assistance from the United States will be available in the year 1952-53, no negotiations are at present in progress. No question of negotiations will arise until its precise

form and extent are authoritatively communicated to the Government.

REHAND BUND PROJECT

*1072. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rehand Bund Project (Mirzapur) is included in Multi-purpose Development Projects;

(b) if so, when it is going to be started and with what amount of contribution by the Central Government;

(c) whether U.P. Government has decided to share in implementing that project; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) No decision has been taken so far.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

TRANSMITTERS

*1073. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six transmitters of 50 K.W. were imported in 1949 by Government;

(b) if so, their cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of these transmitters was meant for Jullundur Radio Station and that it has not been installed there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that most of these transmitters have been lying idle with the Government for the last four years and that their valves have become unserviceable; and

(f) if so, the price of those valves and the persons responsible for this loss?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir in 1948-49 and 1949-50.

(b) Rs. 33.6 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Some of the valves in these transmitters have been found to have developed defects while in storage.

(f) The cost of the valves is Rs. 2 lakhs approximately. The damage appears to be due to poor quality of material on manufacturing defects and claims have been preferred on the manufacturers for free replacements.

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TRANSMITTERS FOR PUNJAB AND ASSAM

*1074. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two transmitters of 10 K.W. were imported for border States of Assam and Punjab, sometime during the last three years; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no such transmitter has been installed in Punjab, and if so, why?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Two 10 K.W. medium wave transmitters were imported in connection with All India Radio's Development Plan; these were not specifically earmarked for installation in any particular state.

(b) Does not arise.

AMERICAN COTTON

*1075. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) the rate of contract per bale of American cotton purchased during the year 1951-52 by the Government of India for distribution to the Textile Mills in India; and

(b) how many bales of such cotton have reached India up till now?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No American cotton was purchased by the Government of India; but import licences have been issued to the mills and the trade for import of American Cotton of 11.25 lakh bales.

There is no contract price. It is for importers to settle prices with the exporters.

(b) 8,37,000 bales of 400 lbs. each.

**नवी घाटी परियोजनाओं के बारे में वृत्तंत
और विवरण**

*१०७६. **सेठ जचल सिंह:** (क) योजना तथा नवी घाटी परियोजना मंत्री यह बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे कि क्या दामोदर घाटी परियोजना, हिराकुद परियोजना, भाखड़ा नंगल परियोजना और केकरपाड़ा परियोजना के प्रक्रमी व्यक्तियों से व्यय के मासिक वृत्तंत और विवरण मंगायें जाते हैं?

(ख) यदि नहीं मंगायें जाते, तो क्या सरकार इस प्रश्न पर विचार करेगी?