

been made by the D. V. C. for the proper distribution of the power that could be produced by the Bokharo Thermal Plant?

(b) Is it a fact that even the Bokharo Colony which is lying adjacent to the power-house is electrified by the power borrowed from Kargali Colliery at a monthly cost of rupees eleven thousand?

(c) Is it a fact that due to defects of planning of distribution, only one turbine is working and the other two are lying idle?

(d) When would it be possible for the D.V.C. to arrange for the proper distribution of the installed capacity of the three turbines?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No Sir. There was initially delay in the delivery of sub-station equipment for distributing the power. Most of the equipment has, however been received now.

(b) No sir.

(c) Working of the second turbine had to be postponed till July 1954 for the reasons stated in reply to part (a) of the question. The third turbine will in any case be a stand by.

(d) By March 1955.

Shri P. C. Bose. May I know if the inter-connection of the different plants including the Sindri Power House will completely form the grid system?

Shri Hathi: The Sindri Power House will be in grid with the Bokaro Power House.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any recommendations have been made by the Estimates Committee regarding this thermal plant, and if so, whether they were considered?

Shri Hathi: The recommendation made by the Estimates Committee was that Bokaro should not have

been given priority. That was the view expressed by the Committee.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether the construction of the transmission lines is keeping pace with the development of load in the Bokaro thermal power station?

Shri Hathi: As I said, there was some difficulty in getting the equipment for the sub-station. But now they have covered a major portion of the transmission lines.

DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS

***1657. Shri K. R. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local audit in March, 1948 revealed a shortage of 10,872 garments of wool and 20,926 lbs. of wool for knitting garments valued at 1.55 lakhs; and

(b) if so, what action was taken against the officer concerned?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) Yes; but these were also counter-balanced by excesses of 11,000 garments and 18,000 lbs. of wool. the net loss in terms of money, amounting to Rs. 18,304/- only.

(b) His services were terminated.

IMPORT OF PENCIL SLATS

***1658. Shri G. L. Chandhary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of cerawood pencil slats was imported from East Africa during 1953-54; and

(b) how many pencil-factories depend wholly on the material imported from Kenya?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) As import figures for slats are not separately shown in the Monthly Accounts relating to the Foreign Sea or Air Borne Trade and Navigation of India, the information is not available.

(b) Precise information is not available as to the material imported from Kenya.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AT WASHINGTON

*1659. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Third International Trade Fair is to be held from the 11th to 24th February, 1954 at Seattle, Washington;

(b) whether India will be represented there; and

(c) if so, what kind of articles will be exhibited?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 56]

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any expert committee was appointed to select these articles for exhibition there? If not, how were these articles selected?

Shri Karmarkar: There is the All-India Handicrafts Board which selected articles for this exhibition. It is a regularly constituted body.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any attempt has been made to ascertain the number of visitors who came to our booth there?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. A rough estimate was made. I could not tell the hon. Member the actual number of visitors who attended.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any attempt has been made to know the reactions of the people to the various goods that were exhibited there?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes. The reaction has been quite good. A number of trade enquiries have been received.

Shri M. D. Ramasami: May I know whether handloom fabrics were exhibited there?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. I find that handloom jacquered weave bedspreads, handloom jacquered weave table cloth and curtain material, handloom furnishing material, printed bedspreads, cotton and satin etc. were exhibited.

Mr. Speaker: The question list is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EXPORT OF TEA

*1646. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea exported to America from India during 1952 and 1953; and

(b) whether there is any encouraging feature in the export of tea which has induced India to increase her contribution to the Joint Tea Promotion Council, composed of India, Ceylon and Indonesia?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 1952—29 Million lbs. approx.

1953—30 Million lbs. approx.

(b) The Tea Council of the U.S.A. has been functioning for about a year and even within this period there has been a marked improvement in the consumption of tea in that country. Apart from this, all the other parties to the Council have increased their contributions for 1954 and India has also had to step up her contribution by \$ 25,000.