

Second D.D.T. Factory has not yet been taken. Before doing so, the claims of Travancore-Cochin will be fully examined.

NEPA MILLS

898. **Shri Mahodaya:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total cost of the Nepa mills in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) when the mills will begin to work in full swing; and

(c) whether the mills are sure of getting all the raw material required from local sources or it will have to be brought from elsewhere?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) The latest estimate is Rs. 557.5 lakhs.

(b) At present the indications are that the mills will start trial production of newsprint from indigenous mechanical pulp and imported chemical pulp before the end of this year. It is difficult to say precisely at this stage when the mills will begin to work in full swing.

(c) The basic raw materials required by the mills, viz., bamboo and salai wood, will be available within the State of Madhya Pradesh, but the auxiliary raw materials like caustic soda, soda ash, salt cake, liquid chlorine, china clay, etc., may have to be obtained from outside the State.

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN UTTAR PRADESH

899. **Shri R. S. Lal:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the amount granted for the improvement of small-scale industries in Uttar Pradesh during 1954-55 so far?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): A statement is attached. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 102.]

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KOSI PROJECT

900. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme of work in the Kosi Project has been formulated to be taken up after the rains are over during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the nature of the programme; and

(c) whether the machinery needed for the execution of this programme has been set up?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nature of the programme is as follows:

(i) Construction of access road from Bathnaha to Birpur and barrage site.

(ii) Construction of railway line from barrage site to Chatra and Dharan Bazar.

(iii) Construction of landing strip and a few buildings at Birpur.

(iv) Construction of afflux bund and flood banks on the left-hand side of the river from Belka to Barrage site.

(v) Construction of embankments on the western side from barrage site to Nirmali.

(vi) Construction of embankments from Terhi Bazar to Supaul.

(vii) Soil conservation measures such as construction of check dams in Koka-Kola.

(viii) Construction of some staff quarters at Bathnaha, Birpur and Bhimnagar.

(c) Yes. The required technical staff is being recruited.