

Santiniketan from which programmes produced and presented by the Visva Bharati Music Board authorities in close co-operation with All India Radio Staff are broadcast over the Calcutta Station. Special programmes from Santiniketan Studios, including Rabindra Sangeet, are broadcast on special occasions and are relayed by some other Stations of All India Radio.

(b) There is no proposal to observe a week. However, Rabindra Sangeet artists are often invited to participate in Radio Sangeet Sammelans, Concerts and National Programmes broadcast from Delhi Station of All India Radio. Rabindra Sangeet being in Bengali its all-India scope is limited.

#### Indian Freedom Struggle Concert

1276. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether a concert of patriotic and heroic music was held to celebrate the centenary of the Indian Freedom Struggle by the All India Radio on the 14th August, 1957;

(b) if so, the languages in which it was conducted;

(c) whether Tamil was one among them; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The programme which consisted of musical items was not conducted in any particular language nor was it framed on a linguistic basis. The question why a particular language was not included does not, therefore, arise.

#### Indians in Uganda

1271. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of Indians in Uganda and their economic position?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): According to the 1948 census, there were 33,767 Indian in Uganda.

Economically, the Indians in Uganda are well off and are mainly occupied in trade. They also have large interests in cotton ginning and sugar industries and in coffee and tea plantations. They own property in towns and about 200,000 acres of cultivable land. There are also many Indian lawyers, doctors, teachers and artisans in Uganda.

#### Purchase of Buses

1272. Shri Bibhutl Mishra: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total amount spent on the purchase of buses in 1957 so far in private and public sectors in foreign countries?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The information is regard to the total amount spent on the purchase of buses in 1957 so far in private and public sectors in foreign countries is not available. However, licences have been issued during January-June 1957 to the tune of Rs. 394 lakhs for trucks in the private sector and Rs. 403 lakhs for trucks and chassis in the public sector.

#### Slum Clearance in Bangalore

1273. { Shri Keshava:  
Shri Siddiah:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 135 on the 17th May, 1957 and state:

(a) which of the schemes submitted by the Bangalore City Corporation for slum clearance and improvement have been finalised; and

(b) the total amount contributed by the Centre by way of subsidy and long term loans in respect of the schemes that have been finalised?