

million tons per annum for the next fifteen years and then it will be running at about six million tons per year.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What are we going to get in place of this iron ore? Is it going to be a barter deal or rupee payment deal or is it in terms of something else?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is a free sale deal. We have a large business with Japan. They buy so many goods from us. There is no link as such.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know whether we are taking into consideration the production targets of our steel plants as a whole?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That is the primary objective. As the hon. Member knows the deposits in India are enormous—22,000 million tons of high grade ores and 78,000 million tons of medium grade ores. We want to develop iron ore exports to the extent of 20-30 million tons per year in due course.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Is there any proposal from Japan to build up some port in eastern India to facilitate the transshipment of ore and, if so, what is the site?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We have a specific proposal for developing the Paradip port and also the iron ore mines there, and to avoid completely the transport by rail, an express highway of 92 miles is under contemplation. Actually, the contracts have already been given, and we propose to move large quantities of ore by that road to the Paradip port.

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Has the contract for export of iron ore through Paradip port been signed and has the entire scheme including the mechanisation of iron ore and the construction of road and also the development of Paradip been approved or not?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The scheme for the development of the Paradip

port with two dredgers has been approved, but a larger development is still under consideration because the project has to be prepared. A contract for the express highway has already been given. Cement and steel have been released. But regarding the sale of iron ore from that area to Japan and other countries of the world, the thing is still under negotiation.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** There was some idea that the Visakhapatnam port will be developed to facilitate the export of iron ore. Has that idea been given up?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir. It has not been given up. Apart from iron ore, for various other goods also and for the export of large-scale movement of goods, the development of almost all ports of India is under active consideration. A large provision has been made in the Third Five Year Plan and there will be further provision as the needs arise.

#### Studio-Centre at Trichur

\*1626. **Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a studio-centre at Trichur;

(b) how do the present expenses incurred compare with the cost of setting up a studio-centre; and

(c) whether the present system of feeding the programmes at Trichur from Trivandrum is working well?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) The cost of setting up a studio-centre in Trichur with three studios, including the cost of the construction of the building, would be Rs. 7 lakhs approximately. The present expenses on running the existing transmitter at Trichur come to about Rs. 1.11 lakhs annually.

(c) The present system of feeding the programmes from Trivandrum to Trichur is not entirely satisfactory, but is expected to improve considerably with the installation of a 20 KW shortwave transmitter at Trivandrum and a Receiving Centre at Trichur during the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** In spite of the fact that the present system is not working so well, and when heavy expenses are incurred, may I know why the Trichur centre has not been set up?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This question has been under the examination of All India Radio authorities. We consulted the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs and they have also given thought to this problem. I think when the 20 KW shortwave transmitter is established at Trivandrum things will improve.

**Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** May I know whether there are other such centres in the whole of India which are fed from other stations?

**Shri Sham Nath:** There are so many transmitter centres that are fed from the main station. Under the current development programme for expansion of All India Radio's internal services, the general policy is not to open new radio stations but to provide a number of relayed transmissions for broadcasting the programmes originating in the existing All India Radio stations.

**Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Some six months ago, the then Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Dr. Keskar, stated that this new transmitter will be installed at Trivandrum before July, 1962. May I know how long it will take for the Government to start the work of installation?

**Shri Sham Nath:** The installation of this 20 KW shortwave transmitter will take about three to four months more.

**Shri Warrior:** May I know which is the most advantageous proposition—whether the relaying from Trivandrum and Calicut or consolidating the Trichur station itself? Why should you depend upon this transmission from Trivandrum and Calicut when there is a station at Trichur itself?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This is a suggestion that will be examined. I have no idea about the practicability of having transmission from Calicut.

**Shri Warrior:** The question itself...

**Mr. Speaker:** He is arguing.

**Shri Warrior:** The question is why it should not be constituted at Trichur itself. This question must have been examined earlier.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The promise that this question will be examined should be enough for the hon. Member.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** The hon. Minister has stated that the transmitter at Trivandrum will be working after three or four months. May I know whether this will help the people outside Kerala also to get at the programme, or only inside Kerala as it is at present?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This is a shortwave transmitter. It will be helpful to other areas also.

#### A.I.R. Broadcasts to Latin American Countries to Counteract Anti-Indian Broadcasts by China

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\*1628. { **Shri Ravindra Varma:**  
          { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the People's Republic of China is carrying on intensive Anti-Indian propaganda in its broadcasts beamed to the different countries of Latin America;