

Shri Nanda: There are several projects. The idea is that this work is to be productive, which will increase the economic potential of that area so that afterwards employment can be sustained without any special programmes.

Transmitter in Raipur

*1119. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) when the medium-wave transmitter in Raipur will begin functioning; and

(b) when regular studio is likely to be established there?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) A 20 KW Medium-wave Transmitter at Raipur is expected to be ready for service in 1963.

(b) There is no proposal to establish regular Studios at Raipur. Facilities for recording of outside programmes such as folk songs by parties will, however, be provided.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Are the Government aware that after the reorganisation of States, Nagpur radio station has become a Marathi station and Indore-Bhopal, which are supposed to cater to Raipur, are too far to be audible to Raipur people? If so, may I know whether any demand has been made for the establishment of a station at Raipur and what are the reason for this demand not being accepted?

Shri Sham Nath: So far as I am aware, we have not received any demand in this connection.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I submit that I have been making this demand for the last three years? I have got the copies of that demand with me.

Mr. Speaker: Both of them are sitting close by. They can settle it now.

NEFA

*1122. **Shri Bishang Keishing:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds made for NEFA for the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount spent and surrendered, if any; and

(c) how the achievement compares with the expenditure?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri D. Ering): (a) Rs. 509.56 lakhs.

(b) A sum of Rs. 356.644 lakhs was spent and the balance was surrendered.

(c) Very well.

Shri Bishang Keishing: What percentage of the total allotted funds is set apart for development schemes? Besides governmental machinery, what other machineries are there to ensure proper implementation of the development schemes?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I am sorry, I do not think it is possible for me to give the percentage. In the first five years, as will be noticed, a large sum was not spent because it was a novel venture which could not be compared with other areas. So, the whole sum allotted could not be spent. But that does not mean that things were not done. In fact, much more was done than the figures of amount spent might imply. As for the agencies, apart from the governmental agency, I do not know of any other agency. There may be some minor agencies also.