

(c) 4691 tons of steel were actually despatched to Punjab during April-September, 1958.

Wire Broadcasting System

*698. Shri Shivananjappa: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Radio is Planning the extension of Wire Broadcasting Service to Delhi homes soon; and

(b) if so, when and how many homes will be covered?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). The experimental scheme is not of wire broadcasting but a wired-re-diffusion which was started in May 1958 covering about 100 tenements in Seva Nagar Colony and is now proposed to be converted into a pilot scheme covering Lodi Colony and its adjoining areas which would provide service to about 4,000 subscribers during 1959-60

Displaced Persons from East Pakistan

*699 Shri Hem Barua. Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state whether Government have collected information regarding economic condition, cultural and social problems, if any, of the displaced persons from East Pakistan so far rehabilitated in States other than West Bengal since 1949?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): About 1.5 lakh displaced families from East Pakistan have received rehabilitation assistance in one form or the other in States outside West Bengal

Some States have made surveys regarding the economic condition of the displaced persons in their respective areas. No cultural or social problems have come to our notice

बिस्कुट बनाने के कारखाने

*७००. { श्री खादीबाला :
श्री क० भे० मानवीर :

क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री एक ऐसा विवरण हम्रा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे जिसमें निम्नलिखित जानकारी दी गई हो

(क) देश में बिस्कुट बनाने के कितने कारखाने हैं और कहा-कहा स्थित हैं ;

(ख) उनका दैनिक उत्पादन कितना है ;

(ग) इन कारखानों में बने हुये कितने माल की खपत भारत में और कितने की विदेशों में होती है , और

(घ) क्या खाद्य संकट को हल करने के लिये बिस्कुट जैसे खाद्य पदार्थों के निर्यात पर रोक लगाई जायेगी ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :

(क) बिस्कुट बनाने के ५० बड़े कारखाने हैं जो देश भर में फैले हुये हैं। इनके भ्रसावा, देश में बहुत से छोटे कारखाने भी हैं जिनके बारे में ठीक ठीक जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) बड़े कारखानों में १९५८ में कुल १८,००० टन उत्पादन हुआ। छोटे कारखानों में कितना उत्पादन हुआ, इसकी ठीक ठीक जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ग) जितना माल तैयार होता है, वह लगभग सारा देश में ही खप जाता है। १९५७ में २६ टन बिस्कुट और १९५८ (जनवरी-नवम्बर) में ३७ टन बिस्कुट विदेशों को भेजे गये।

(घ) बिस्कुटों का निर्यात नहीं के बराबर होता है। साप ही निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिये भी सामान्यतः प्रयत्न किये जा रहे

है। इसलिये बिस्कुटों के निर्यात पर रोक लगाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। लेकिन स्थानीय उत्पादन बढ़ाने की कोशिश की जा रही है जिससे जहाँ तक हो सके कमी दूर की जा सके।

Dandakaranya Scheme

*701. Shri Siddananjappa: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to exploit the mineral wealth and natural resources in the Dandakaranya area, and

(b) if so, when will the committee be constituted and will commence working?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b) It is not proposed to appoint a special Committee for this purpose. The Dandakaranya Development Authority as a part of its normal functions will take all appropriate steps for the proper exploitation of the mineral wealth and natural resources of the area.

Workers' Education Scheme

*702. { Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri Ram Krishna:
Shri S. M. Banerjee
Shri Kodliyan:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal.
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to launch "Workers' Education Scheme" in Delhi,

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme, and

(c) whether the scheme is likely to be extended to other industrial towns also?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) The broad feature of the Workers' Education Scheme sponsored by Government is to promote the development of workers' education so as to make the worker more intelligent and efficient.

(c) Yes

Indian Diplomatic Establishment in Bahrain and Kuwait

*703. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been made by Indian nationals living in the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms, especially those in Bahrain and Kuwait, for providing a stronger diplomatic representation of Government of India there,

(b) in what way Indian interests in the above areas are being looked after presently, and

(c) whether Government are considering the question of permanent diplomatic establishment at Bahrain and Kuwait?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Some representations have been received to this effect.

(b) A consulate has already been opened in Muscat which also looks after Indian interests in Dubai and Qatar. The other principal areas of the Gulf, Bahrain and Kuwait, are looked after by the Embassy of India in Baghdad.

(c) The Government of India have always considered it desirable to have representation in Bahrain and Kuwait. There are certain difficulties in their opening a Mission in Bahrain, but they have decided to open one in Kuwait shortly.