

Community Radio Sets

*1398. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether the scheme for the establishment of a proper organisation for the community receiver installations and for standardisation of their maintenance has since been finalised?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The scheme is under discussion and is expected to be finalised shortly. It is however to be noted that this is being worked out in collaboration with State Governments and will be their responsibility.

Documentary on Folk Dances

*1403. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any documentary film was prepared on the folk dances of Sugal in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Implements for Paddy Husking

*1404. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the result of research carried out so far for evolving suitable implements for paddy husking,

(b) whether such research has led to a successful implement such as paddy separator or a better type of chakki, which can reduce breakage etc.;

(c) if so, the nature, design and the cost of such implements; and

(d) what is the performance of such an implement?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 20].

Breaches in the Sutlej Bund Pakistan

*1405. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sutlej Bund in Pakistan got breached due to negligence of the authorities in that country and flooded a vast area on the Indian Border near Suleimanke causing damage to property and loss of cattle;

(b) if so, whether the matter was brought to the notice of the Pakistan Government; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent such occurrences in future?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) There was no breach in the bund but according to a preliminary report received from the local officers of the Punjab Irrigation Department an inlet on the Left Marginal Bund on the Sutlej, in the area under unauthorised possession of Pakistan, in the vicinity of Suleimanke Headworks, was left open by the local Pakistan Irrigation authorities. This resulted in the flooding of the area around the Punjab Armed Police Post at Sadiqi and 300 to 400 acres of land under cotton in Pakka village. Full information about the damage caused has not become available yet.

(b) and (c). The matter was taken up by the local Indian Engineer with the Pakistan Engineer concerned and the inlet was closed on August 4th. The Superintending Engineer Ferozepore Circle has written on 12th August to the Superintending Engineer, Dipalpur Canal Circle, Lahore, in this matter and asked him to ensure that there is no such negligence in future. The question of taking up the matter with the Government of Pakistan is under consideration.