

Research. The Members of the Committee, namely, Egypt, USA., Australia, India, Mexico, France, Ukraine, Peru and U.K. were present.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: What is the result of the experiments in solar heaters and cookers carried out by the National Physical Laboratory in India?

Shri Hathi: I have no information.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: Has it come to the notice of the Government that high scientific officers of the Government of India have made repeated statements in the Press that solar heaters will be available to the public in very large numbers in the near future?

Shri Hathi: I am not aware of it.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): In regard to these solar heaters, Government have decided that if anybody should manufacture these heaters, they can do so on payment of a small royalty to the Government. It is up to the manufacturers to take it up.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether Government is aware of a report appearing in yesterday's papers that a girl is living without food in Coorg, taking some sort of energy from air and wind, and if so, whether Government will make enquiries about that?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether anybody has taken advantage of the Government's offer in the matter of the production of these solar heaters?

Shri Hathi: I am not in a position to reply to that question.

TAPPING OF AVAILABLE MAN-POWER FOR RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS

*696. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendation of the Estimates Committee regarding the tapping of available man-power in India for the different river valley projects, under execution, has been considered; and

(b) If so, what are the decisions taken?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply to Starred Question No. 150 by Shri Dabhi on 10-11-52.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it true that some Engineers are being trained at some of the Project centres these days?

Shri Hathi: There is a scheme whereby we are taking about 15 Engineers to be trained at the different centres.

Shri L. N. Mishra: How does this compare with our demand for trained technicians?

Shri Hathi: That will be seen after they are trained.

Shri L. N. Mishra: What are the subjects in which training is imparted?

Shri Hathi: Construction of dams, mainly, and canals.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is there any proposal to open technical training centres at each project?

Shri Hathi: These centres are chiefly to be placed at the various construction sites.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is there any proposal regarding the financial aspects of these training centres? Are the States to contribute or is the Union Government making the contribution?

Shri Hathi: It is the Central Government that it taking these Engineers.

HIGH-POWER HAND-LOOM COMMITTEE

*698. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the constitution of the High-power Hand-loom Committee has been completed;

(b) if so, the names of the personnel and the terms of reference thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been arrived at between the Centre on the one hand and the States on the other in this connection; and

(d) if so, what is the agreed plan for aiding the hand-loom industry?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Presumably the hon. Member refers to the setting up of a Handloom Board. A copy of the Resolution setting up the All India Handloom Board is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 20].

(c) and (d). The hon. Member will see from the text of the Resolution that State Governments are represented on this Board. The Resolution also indicates the broad lines on which assistance to the handloom