

(c) Is it a fact that in Nadia District under Karimpur Police Station Pakistani raiders intensified their activities in several border villages?

(d) What steps are the Government of India taking to stop these raids?

(e) How many such raids have taken place by Pak-Raiders in Nadia border since Partition, i.e. 15th August, 1947 up to 31st January, 1953?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) and (b). Persons suspected to be Pakistanis committed a dacoity on the 22nd January 1953 in a house in Dewanpara, about a mile from village Chechania. Cash, ornaments and cattle worth over Rs. 3,000 were taken away.

(c) and (e). There have been 142 raids after Partition by Pakistanis on border villages in Nadia District. 42 of these took place in Karimpur Police Station limits. In January 1953 there were 5 raids in Nadia District of which 3 took place in Karimpur Police Station.

(d) Police patrol along the border has been intensified. Resistance parties have been organised in the border villages. Particular incidents have been taken up with the East Bengal Authorities.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will there be high level talks about these raids with the hon. the Prime Minister of Pakistan in near future when the hon. the Prime Minister meets him?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** These questions are usually discussed at more low level talks.

#### PRIORITIES FOR PROJECTS

\*1953. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether Government propose to constitute some special Committee to advise on the issue of giving priorities to the various new irrigation and power projects?

(b) If so, what are its composition and financial liability?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). It is proposed to constitute the Committee in the near future.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know by what time this committee is expected to be set up?

**Shri Hathi:** I cannot say exactly the time; it may take a few months.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether the new committee would, in

the matter of determining priorities, supersede the functions of the existing Central Water and Power Commission; if not, how is co-ordination between the two to be achieved?

**Shri Hathi:** The functions of the Committee are outlined in the Report of the Planning Commission. The Committee will assess the economics of the various schemes and they will then assess the priorities.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know whether the new committee will be representative of the various States who are interested in irrigation?

**Shri Hathi:** As I said the matter is under consideration, but the Chief Engineer of the States concerned will be on that committee.

#### RAW HIDES INDUSTRY

\*1954. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the position of raw hides industry in India since July, 1952 to January, 1953; and

(b) the measures, if any, taken by the Government of India to improve the condition of the industry?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 41.]

श्री गणपति राम : क्या मन्त्री महोदय बतला सकते हैं कि छोटे छोटे उद्योग धन्धों को भी सरकार की तरफ से कोई सहायता दी जाती है या कोई धन दिया जाता है?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** If the hon. Member would read the statement he will find that so far as the smaller industries are concerned, they will be the concern of the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board which has selected leather industry amongst the small industries which need help by the Board.

**Shri Ganpati Ram:** May I know whether the State Governments are taking interest in developing this industry?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Some State Governments are, according to my information.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know Sir, whether it is true that in some parts of Mahasu district in Himachal