

(b) A copy of the Public Notice is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 50.]

#### TIMBER FOR HIRAKUD PROJECT

\*1418. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the value of timber imported from outside Orissa so far for the construction work of the Hirakud Dam; and

(b) the value of timber procured so far from Orissa forests for the purpose?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### ASCU

\*1419. **Shri Sanganna:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many factories have been set up in India for the manufacture of Ascus?

(b) What is the quantity and value of Ascus manufactured every year in India?

(c) What quantity, and of what value, of Ascus is imported to India from abroad?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). So far as Government are aware, there is only one factory in India producing Ascus. Information regarding production is not available.

(c) Ready-made Ascus is not imported into India.

#### BUTTER AND CHEESE

\*1427. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how much butter and cheese was imported from Australia and England during 1951 and 1952?

(b) Is there any proposal before the Government to establish a factory for the manufacture of butter and other milk products?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 51.]

(b) No, Sir.

#### V.C.'s SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

\*1440. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred during 1952-53, by the D.V.C. on its soil conservation programme; and

(b) the chief achievements under the programme during the same period?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION AT KONAR DAM

\*1441. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct an underground hydro-electric station at Konar dam;

(b) if so, when it will be taken up; and

(c) the estimated expenditure on it?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under the consideration of Government.

(c) Rs. 3.85 crores.

#### JUNGLES SUBMERGED BY TILAIYA DAM

1113. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether, and if so, what area of jungles with standing timbers have gone down under water near Tilaiya dam?

(b) Was the jungle under the protected area of the Government of Bihar?

(c) Was the Government of Bihar given a timely notice to clear off the jungles?

(d) What would be the approximate value of the timber submerged?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No timber forest existed in the reservoir area of the Tilaiya Dam. 3,940 acres of scrub jungle have been submerged.

(b) 1,921 acres out of 3,940 acres was under the management of the Bihar Government and the rest under private owners.

(c) Yes. Government of Bihar made efforts to dispose of the jungle but failed; they then asked the Corporation to do so. Despite wide publicity