

rent year for 'Local Development Works'; and

(b) whether the 'Community Development' areas or 'Rural Extension' areas are excluded for the purpose of 'Local Development Works'?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) A statement showing allocations made to States is laid on the Table. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 46.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know, Sir, in view of the fact that the grants are on a population basis, how the question of special consideration for the under-developed areas will be adjusted?

**Shri Hathi:** This refers to the local works which means the works meant for use of the community, such as drinking wells, laying of roads, minor irrigation works, etc. So far as the under-developed areas are concerned, we take them into consideration when allotting community development blocks. That is the position.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MANGANESE ORE

**\*1346. Shri Matthen:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the C.P.M.O. Co. Ltd., is permitted to export tens of thousands of tons high grade Manganese Ores at valuations about 30 per cent. below the current market price?

(b) Why is the company not interested on the working of the medium and low-grade ores in its dumps?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Government have no information that the firm are underselling the ore. The Customs authorities, however, keep a watch over the prices offered for individual consignments in order

to see that they are in line with the prices obtaining at a particular time.

(b) It is understood that the C.P.M.O. Co., Ltd., have taken up the working of their dumps.

AUTOMOBILE FA

**\*1348. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down in the near future a number of factories which used to assemble automobiles in India?

(b) If so, are there any factories which have already closed down?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Some of the assembling units are likely to close down in the near future.

(b) No, Sir.

ESTIMATES OF HIRAKUD DAM

**\*1368. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to answer to starred question No. 506 asked on 14th August, 1953, regarding estimates of Hirakud Dam and paras. 14 and 15 of the Sixth Report by the Public Accounts Committee and state:

(a) whether Central Water and Power Commission advertised in the Press for the posts of estimators for this Project; and

(b) if so, when?

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

(b) In January, 1949, April, 1952 and November, 1952.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

**\*1369. Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether any documentary film has been or is proposed to be produced regarding the implementation of the Five Year Plan?