

that has almost expired. Out of this, only these few thousands could be spent. I want to know why.

Shri Hathi: The real difficulty with this project was that there was delay in the sanctioning of the Budget. The officer was not appointed. There were several initial difficulties also. The village workers were not available. This was one of the projects which did not work well. The House might remember that during the last session it was stated that about 10 per cent. of the projects were not working well. This was one of them. Subsequently, it has recouped and is working well.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the workers that were sent to Nilokheri for training have taken up the work?

Shri Hathi: They have taken it up only in September this year.

PROGRAMME ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
A. I. R.

*646. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state what considerations weighed with the appointing authority in making the selections for the Programme Advisory Committee for the Delhi Station of A.I.R.

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The members are generally selected for their interest in broadcasting and their ability to offer useful suggestions for the improvement of various types of programmes broadcast by the station.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any representation for languages and dialects is also given when selection is made?

Dr. Keskar: No, Sir. As I said, the selection is on the basis of usefulness in suggesting improvements in programmes. It is not a committee in which sectional representation or representation on the basis of region, or languages or dialects is given.

Sardar Hukam Singh: During 1953, may I know the number of cases where

their advice was not accepted by the A.I.R.?

Dr. Keskar: My hon. friend is labouring under a mis-apprehension as to the object and the function of this advisory body. They meet once or twice or thrice in the year and make suggestions or certain changes in the schedules of programmes which are put up to them. They do not function permanently, in the sense that members can make whatever suggestions they like and these have to be accepted.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether government officers of the States can also be members of this advisory body?

Dr. Keskar: They cannot be full-fledged members, but sometimes some government officers are associated with the rural advisory committees, but on this programme advisory committee there is no government officer.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know the names of the members of the committee and the terms for which they are appointed?

Dr. Keskar: I would require notice for that, because there are thirty of them.

FILMS FOR CHILDREN

*647. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether Government propose to produce special films for children?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Yes, Sir; it is proposed to produce two full-length films for children as an experimental measure; it is also proposed to adopt about half a dozen documentary films to meet the needs of children.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Has any attempt been made to produce films from the kindergarten stage that would be suitable to the needs of children?