

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 943—
Shri S. N. Mishra. (*After a pause*)
Next question—Dr. Ram Subhag Singh.

श्री राम सुभग सिंह : मिश्र जी बोलिए ।

Shri S. N. Mishra rose—

Mr. Speaker: He is too late. His question will be taken up after the whole round is over.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION TO PHILIPPINES

***944. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Philippines Government have lifted the ban on Indian immigration; and

(b) if so, whether any annual quota has been fixed for the free entry of Indians into Philippines?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The annual quota has been fixed at 50 persons.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Since when have Indians been allowed to enter into Philippines? When was this order passed?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: In October this year.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Has any Indian availed of this opportunity?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I require notice.

Shri G. P. Sinha: How many countries in Asia have imposed restrictions on the entry of Indians in their countries?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: This question is about Philippines only.

RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS

***945. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the **Minister of Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of submergence (of water) in Hirakud, Damodar Valley and Bhakra-Nangal Projects; and

(b) whether the tree growth in the areas had been removed before the present submerged areas were filled up by water?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Hirakud Dam Project:

1,82,598.17 acres at 630 contour level.

Damodar Valley Project:

The area of submergence by the Tilaiya, Konar, Maithon and Panchet Hill reservoirs and Bokaro Barrage will be 72314 acres.

Bhakra-Nangal Project:

38,000 acres.

(b) Hirakud Dam Project/Bhakra-Nangal Project:

Since the reservoir area has not yet been filled with water, the question of removal of tree growth does not arise at the present stage. This will be attended to before the area is submerged.

Damodar Valley Project:

The trees in the Tilaiya reservoir area were removed as far as possible before submergence. All trees in the Bokaro Barrage area had also been removed before submergence. The trees in the Konar reservoir are being removed. Maithon and Panchet Hill are still under construction and the question of removal of trees does not arise at the present stage.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it not a fact that the opinion of experts in inland fisheries was not ascertained before the schemes for dams were finalised?

Shri Hathi: I do not know how this question arises. The question before us relates to submerged areas and tree growth.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I put another question, Sir? Are Government aware that if the tree growth is not removed from the areas submerged, fish cannot be reared in such areas?

Shri Hathi: I will require notice, Sir.