

Shri V. P. Nayar: I will ask another question, Sir. Are Government aware that when in the submerged areas the tree growth is not removed, there can be no fishing by nets?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

PRINTING MACHINERY

*946. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of printing machinery so far imported into India since 1947; and

(b) whether Government have any plans for the manufacture of printing machinery in India?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Precise information regarding the total value of printing machinery imported into India since 1947 is not available. However, our Trade Accounts show that during the period 1947—53 Printing and Lithographic Presses to the total value of about Rs. 764 lakhs have been imported.

(b) No, Sir.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know from which of the countries the printing machinery had been imported?

Shri Karmarkar: I will take the liberty of referring my hon. friend to the published statistics which are easily available in the Library.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government have made any estimate of the requirements of printing machinery in India for the coming five years?

Shri Karmarkar: I am not aware of any such estimate.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government have investigated the possibilities of having some plants for the manufacture of printing machinery in India?

Shri Karmarkar: There are at present two organised manufacturers of printing machinery.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know the proportion of rotary machines bought out of these Rs. 7 crores and odd?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information.

STOCK OF RAW, SHEET AND PALE RUBBER

*947. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the latest quantity of the stocks of raw, sheet and pale rubber as held by the dealers?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 57.]

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that last year the Rubber Growers' Association under the leadership of a Member of Parliament presented a memorandum to the Government urging that certain steps be taken immediately for the promotion of sale of rubber?

Shri Karmarkar: I could not recall at the moment.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that when the Government moved in the matter, some private agencies had cornered all the stocks of rubber?

Shri Karmarkar: Not all the stocks. We find that the stocks vary from month to month.

JULLUNDUR BROADCASTING STATION

*949. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state when the new transmitter will be installed at Jullundur?

(b) What will be its range of listening?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) The construction of the buildings for a 50 k.w. medium wave transmitter at Jullundur has already been taken in hand; the installation of the transmitter will be undertaken as soon as the buildings are ready.

(b) The primary service range of the transmitter is about 140 to 150 miles but the secondary one will cover upto 400 miles.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the approximate time which will be taken so far as the completion of the building is concerned?

Dr. Keskar: It will not be possible for me to give any date. I expect that the building construction will be over during this financial year. It may take 2 to 3 months for the installation of the machinery.

Shri D. C. Sharma: In view of the installation of the new transmitter, may I know whether there will be an increase in the number of studios in that radio station?

Dr. Keskar: Whatever is necessary for increase of programmes and expansion of programme facilities in that area will be done. I won't be able to say offhand whether studios will be added and how many.

Shri D. C. Sharma: In view of the fact that a new transmitter is going to be installed at Jullundur, may I know whether Government have under contemplation the setting up of a new Radio station at Chandigarh?

Dr. Keskar: No such proposal is at present under consideration.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Since Indian companies have offered to produce cheaper radio sets if it is all medium wave transmission, is it the policy of the Government to see that more medium wave stations are started in India so that the citizens could have cheaper radio sets?

Dr. Keskar: I am in entire agreement with my hon. friend. If he had taken the trouble to go through the pamphlet which was distributed to all Members of Parliament giving our programme, he would have found that exactly what he has repeated now has been put in there.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

*950. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state how many documentary films in the "Documentary Films of India" series have been prepared so far by the Films Division of the Government of India which deal with the Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh?

(b) What are the subjects of these documentaries?

(c) Are there any documentary films under preparation at present concerning the above-mentioned States?

(d) If so, what are the subjects?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Two films relating to the Punjab, and one film on Himachal Pradesh have been released. No documentary film dealing with PEPSU has so far been produced.

(b) The films are in the nature of travelogues and present the scenery and the customs and manners of the people of the area they cover.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Three documentaries are under production:

(i) Hill Stations of Northern India, (ii) Bhakra-Nangal Project, and (iii) People's participation in Community Projects.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any documentary film is under contemplation to deal with the sacred places in the Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh?

Dr. Keskar: Not at this moment.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any film has been prepared so far as the National Extension scheme is concerned, in these regions?

Dr. Keskar: Speaking subject to correction, we have got something under preparation regarding the National Extension service; but not in this particular area.

Shrimati Jayashri: May I know whether Government invite scripts for