

(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

documentaries from private individuals?

Dr. Keskar: We invite tenders from private producers to produce a certain percentage of our documentaries. We have not invited formally private individuals to submit scripts to us though any scripts that are submitted are always welcome.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: May I know whether the entire cost of these documentary films were borne by the Central Government or a part of it was shared by the State Governments?

Dr. Keskar: I won't be able to say regarding these particular documentaries; but generally speaking.....

Shri Radhelal Vyas: My question is regarding these documentaries relating to the Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh.

Dr. Keskar: I would require notice.

MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL IN LONDON

*951. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the London County Council's Town Planning Committee has decided to commemorate the house where Mahatma Gandhi stayed in 1931 to participate in the Round Table Conference?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): The Town Planning Committee of the London County Council propose to place a tablet on Kingsley Hall, commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's stay there in 1931. The inscription on the tablet would read:

L. C. C.

Mahatma Gandhi

1869-1948

stayed here in

1931.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know whether anything else had

been done or whether the Government of India had been consulted on this point, as to what would be the way of commemorating?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We were informed. The Town Planning Committee of the London County Council discussed this proposal there and informed us.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether the memorial would be in keeping with the stature and dignity of Mahatmaji and what would be the cost?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I have no information about the cost.

TEA CHESTS

*952. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of foreign tea-chests imported in the year 1952-53; and

(b) the total average quantity required for home use and the total average quantity of tea-chests produced in the country annually?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Rs. 58.61 lakhs.

(b) Requirements—About 5 million sets.

Production—About 4.35 million sets.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know if it is a fact that the industry is facing the danger of over-production and if so, why imports have been allowed?

Shri Karmarkar: No, Sir.

BICYCLES

*953. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the number of bicycles produced in India and the number imported in the year 1952-53?

(b) Are all the components of bicycles produced in the country?