

and Manganese Ores. The Government of India had already taken full note of the claim of mine-owners for a share in the export trade. In the export policy for manganese and iron ores announced by the Government of India in their Press Note dated the 11th November, 1953, suitable provision has been made for the grant of export allocations to these people. Transport facilities will be made available to mine-owners on the basis of export allocations.

Shri Sanganna: May I know, Sir, whether in regard to the present allotment his attention has again been invited to the news published in the *Hindustan Times* of 14-12-53 in which the Government of Orissa have stated in reply to the Planning Commission that the supply position of wagons in Orissa is quite unsatisfactory?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, the question of the supply position of wagons is a matter which does not really relate to this Ministry.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the Secretary of the Orissa Chambers of Commerce and Industry has at any time made any representation to the Government of India regarding this position and, if so, what is the decision of the Government in this matter?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I may mention, Sir, in short the delays are not due to the Government wanting to restrict exports. It is due rather to the shortage of wagons, which have to be rationed amongst the people who need them. We get representation, but so long as there is shortage of wagons, we are helpless beyond what we have done.

TRANSMITTERS

*980. **Shri B. C. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether five of the six 50 kwt transmitters landed in India in 1948-49 and 1949-50, are still lying in the ware-houses?

(b) What is the cost of these transmitters and what expenses have so far

been incurred towards ware-houses and maintenance charges?

(c) Why were these transmitters purchased and what are the reasons for not using them so far?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Of the five transmitters mentioned by the hon. Member one is already being erected and the work is nearing completion; two others are being despatched to the site where they will be erected—Ahmedabad and Jullundur; two more will be in storage till the first half of the next financial year when erection work will begin.

(b) The cost of these transmitters is approximately 28 lakhs. Expenditure so far incurred on keeping them in good condition in ware houses is about 2.22 lakhs.

(c) These transmitters were part of the 8-Year plan for the development of broadcasting which was formulated originally and which was subsequently revised on a 5-year plan basis. The reasons for the delay in erection of these transmitters were beyond the control of Government. When the transmitters arrived in the country, and before erection work could begin, a severe economic crisis developed and for two or three years all development work of any kind had to be severely curtailed. General reduction and retrenchment also took place during that period. Therefore it was decided after careful consideration that the erection of these transmitters, which would require approximately 40 to 50 lakhs, should be postponed. Immediately after improvement in the economic situation one of the first tasks that has been taken up is the erection of these transmitters. One will begin functioning within the next six weeks to two months. Two others will be practically ready by the beginning of April 1954. The erection of the other two will be taken up at the beginning of next financial year and it is hoped that it will be completed within six to eight months.

Shri B. C. Das: May I know from which country these transmitters are purchased?

Dr. Keskar: Sir, I have not got the name of the manufacturers. If I am not mistaken, it is Westinghouse.

Shri B. C. Das: May I know how much the Government is spending every year for the maintenance of these transmitters?

Dr. Keskar: Sir, I have just said that the amount spent up till now is 2.22 lakhs. If my hon. friend wants the amount spent per year, I would require notice of that question.

Shri Nanadas: May I know the landed cost of a similar transmitter at present?

Dr. Keskar: For that also I would require separate notice.

VISIT OF U. S. VICE-PRESIDENT

*981. { **Pandit C. N. Malviya:**
Shri G. P. Sinha:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request was received from the U.S. Vice-President, Mr. R. Nixon, for visiting India in connection with his tour of Asian countries; and

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). The Ministry of External Affairs was informed of the tour in various countries, including India, of the U. S. Vice-President, Mr. Nixon. The Government of India thereupon invited him to be their guest during his visit to India. The visit was described as a goodwill tour.

पंडित सी० एन० मालवीय : क्या इस सिलसिले में यू० एस० और पाकिस्तान मिलेटरी पैक्ट के सम्बन्ध में कोई बातचीत हुई थी ?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The Government of United States are aware of our policy in this regard, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: His question is whether there was any talk with him on this.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Well, Sir, I presume all important matters must have been discussed.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know who were the important personalities whom Mr. Nixon met in Delhi?

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[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): An exhaustive list of the persons he met cannot be given at the moment.]

Shrimati Sushama Sen: May I know if Government had had it made clear to Mr. Nixon about the pact with Pakistan and U.S.A. which it is reported will be signed?

Mr. Speaker: The question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

*943. **Shri S. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether cottage industry products have been included so far in any bilateral agreements?

The Minister of Commerce Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir.

EXPORT OF TILES

*962. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there has been any decline in the export of tiles from India in recent times?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Yes, Sir. The export figures for April-September, 1953, show that there has been a decline as