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 मालबीयः क्या इस सिलसिले में यु० एस० और पाकिस्तान मिलेटरी पैक्ट के सम्बन्ध में कोई बातचीत हई 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 Sadata 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?

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): An exhaustive list of the persns 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

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