

China has built an aerodrome near the borders of Ladakh; and

(b) if so, when was it built?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) and (b). Government have no information about this.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि पश्चिमी तिब्बत में मानसरोवर के पास भी चीनी सेना ने इस तरह का एक जहाजी अड्डा बनाया है ?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** This question refers to a Chinese aerodrome built near the border of Ladakh. So far as our information goes, there is no such airport. Obviously I have not got the information about all the airports in Tibet.

#### VILLAGE PANCHAYATS

**\*919. Shri Barman:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the steps, if any, taken by Government towards the organisation of 'Village Panchayats' in all the States of India; and

(b) the present position in this regard in all the States?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

**\*920. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated and actually incurred cost of the International Engineering Exhibition held in Delhi in 1951; and

(b) how the dismantled materials of the structures erected for the Exhibition were disposed of?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) The estimated cost of the Exhibition was Rs. 9,00,000.

The expenditure to date amounts to Rs. 10,74,905; but the actual cost of the exhibition will be known only after credits have been afforded in respect of the cost of materials transferred to certain Projects.

(b) The major portion of the dismantled materials was sent to various projects and to the Central Water & Power Commission and the rest was disposed of by public auction.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that some of the dismantled materials were stolen away from the premises of the Bikaner House and no report was made to the police in regard to this matter?

**Shri Hathi:** That is not our information, Sir. I might also state that this Exhibition was not organised at the instance of the Irrigation and Power Ministry. It was held by the Central Irrigation and Power Board which is not a government body.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know, Sir, what was the reason for the huge difference between the estimated amount and the actual expenditure on the Exhibition?

**Shri Hathi:** As I said, Sir, this was not held by the Government at all and the details are not with us.

#### HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN ANDHRA

**\*921. Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of handloom cloth in Andhra during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54; and

(b) the quantity of cloth lying unsold with the co-operative stores at present?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know, Sir, the steps so far taken by Government to export handloom cloth produced in

Andhra to other States in the country and to foreign countries?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** We do not think of inter-State trade as exports.

So far as exports of handloom cloth abroad are concerned, we have not got the break-up of figures Statewise. I would like to add, Sir, that owing to the splitting up of the State recently from Madras it is rather difficult for the new State organisation to give us information. They are endeavouring to collect the information and supply us.

#### CONTROL ON CEMENT

**\*926. Shri Biswa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is uniformity in cement control in all States; and

(b) whether Government propose to remove control over cement?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):**  
(a) Yes, so far as the basic principles are concerned.

(b) Not until the supply position becomes easy.

**Shri Biswa Nath Roy:** May I ask whether there is any chance of de-control this year in view of the fact that production has increased?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** As I visualise it, there does not seem to be any chance either this year or next year because the demand has increased.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** Is Government aware of the fact that there is widespread shortage of cement in North Bihar, and if so, what steps have the Government taken to do away with the shortage?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Government are endeavouring to do their best to supply as much cement as possible to North Bihar.

**Shri P. C. Bose:** May I know what quantity is still being imported from outside?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I think no quantity of ordinary cement is being imported; only we are exporting some cement from places where local consumption is slack.

**Shri P. C. Bose:** What is the special quality that is imported?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** There are various categories, such as coloured cements and other types for special purposes, which are being imported.

**Shri Lakshmayya:** May I know what quantity of cement is produced in each State?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I will be very grateful if the hon. Member will give me notice.

#### PARLIAMENT HOUSE

**\*928. Shri Baghuramaiah:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament House is threatened with sub-soil water; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b). There is no such danger I place on the Table of the House a press note that was recently issued which explains the position.—[See Appendix III, annexure No. 80.]

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** May I have an assurance that this House will not be threatened from any underground source whatsoever?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. I am going to the next question.

#### EXPORT OF BANARAS GOODS

**\*929. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been of late any deterioration in the quality and