

supplied in those flats and what is the rent actually charged by Government from the occupants?

The Minister of Works Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) 72.

(b) 16; it is proposed to furnish another 26 flats also.

(c) and (d). A note explaining the position is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 75.]

मध्य भारत को अनुदान

*२४३९. श्री डामर : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५४-५५ में मध्य भारत राज्य को पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत ऋण तथा अनुदान के रूप में कितनी कितनी राशि दी गई ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): Rs. 100 lakhs has been so far sanctioned as loan.

SAFETY RAZOR BLADES

*2446. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether safety razor blades and other parts of safety razor sets are produced in the country;

(b) if so, the total annual production and the extent to which it fulfills the requirements of the country;

(c) what is the quantity imported in the last two years;

(d) whether any deterioration in the quality of the imported blades has been reported or whether old and used blades have been found to be sold as new ones; and

(e) if so, whether any inquiry has been made to trace the sources of these malpractices?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Only safety razor blades are produced in the country.

(b) During 1953, about 23 million blades were manufactured in India. It is very difficult to estimate with any degree of precision the demand for blades. Since November 1953, there has been an upward trend in production which is now about 5 million a month.

(c) About 225 million blades were imported in 1951-52 and about 149 millions in 1952-53.

(d) Government have no information.

(e) Does not arise.

WEAVERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

*2447. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the representatives of Weavers' Co-operative Societies from different States was held at Banaras during the middle of April, 1954; and

(b) if so, what subjects were discussed there?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme for the setting up of an All-India Handloom Fabrics Co-operative Marketing Society for developing inter-State trading and export marketing in handloom cloth was discussed.

PANCHET HILL DAM

*2448. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state when the Panchet Hill Dam is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): By December 1956.

AGAR - AGAR

*2449. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether extraction of agar-agar from Gracillaria done in the State of