

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL SURVEY

*1036. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made any survey to ascertain

(i) the number of technical personnel available in India; and

(ii) the number of such personnel without suitable employment; and

(b) whether the Commission propose to ensure that there will be no waste of human resources and technical skill?

* **The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):**

(a) (i) The Planning Commission has not undertaken a general survey of all technical personnel available in India, but a limited amount of information is collected by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Ministry of Labour.

(ii) At the end of January last 53,376 persons possessing technical skill or knowledge were registered as unemployed by the Employment Exchanges of the Ministry of Labour.

(b) This is one of the important objectives of national planning.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: What attempts have been made to ensure that there is no wastage of technical personnel in India?

Shri Nanda: The Ministry of Education is taking steps in that direction, in addition to other measures taken by us.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: Is it a fact that certain persons sent abroad for technical training, after return, are remaining unemployed and therefore their technical knowledge is not being utilised?

Shri Nanda: So far as we know from our records, about 90 per cent. of the scholars who have gone abroad have been employed. Regarding the rest, it has not been possible to get in

touch with them, but the information is that there may be a very small number who may have remained unemployed.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if it is a fact that in 1948 or thereabouts there was a decision of the Government to make a survey of technical personnel available in India, and has anything been done since then?

Shri Nanda: Yes, as a result of the recommendations of the Scientific Manpower Committee, a survey was made. Some registers have been completed, and others are in progress.

D. V. C. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

*1037. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how far the construction of transmission and distribution system under the Damodar Valley Corporation has progressed up-to-date;

(b) the mileage of transmission lines which have been erected;

(c) how much has been brought into commercial operations; and

(d) how many grid sub-stations and receiving stations are working at present?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). Upto 15th February 1954 the D.V.C. have constructed 311 route miles of Transmission lines, five substations and five receiving stations. The construction of three grid substations has been partially completed.

(c) 154 route miles.

(d) Four transformer substations and five receiving stations are working fully while 2 grid substations are partially in commercial use.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the construction work is departmentally done, and if so, whether there is any paucity of materials?

Shri Hathi: The work is done departmentally. So far as the materials