

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I would ask for separate notice.

FOLK MUSIC IN A.I.R.

*2049. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a programme of folk music was arranged by the A.I.R. on the 29th January, 1954;

(b) if so, the names of States which took part in the programme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to have similar programmes in future?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) 1. Ajmer.
2. Assam.
3. Bombay.
4. Madhya Pradesh.
5. Manipur.
6. PEPSU.
7. Saurashtra.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is planned to have periodically folk music programmes from various States in the national programme of All India Radio. The next programme will give folk music from Punjab and Kashmir.

I may add that folk music programmes take place from all the stations of the All India Radio.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any attempt is being made to revive some of the neglected types of folk music?

Dr. Keskar: An effort is being made to find out certain forms of folk music which are dying out and to revive them. But that is a kind of work which requires some time and an effort is being made very strenuously to revive this type of music.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether any attempt is being made

to preserve in a more or less permanent form these types of folk music which are broadcast?

Dr. Keskar: Sufficient amount of folk music has been broadcast. When the question of classifying it and keeping it in some permanent shape arises, I will keep the suggestion of my hon. friend in mind.

श्री ब्रजत इक्षन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि हिन्दी की जो भाषायें हैं जैसे राजस्थानी, मैथिल भाषा आदि, उन के लोक गीतों के प्रसार की भी कोई नियमित व्यवस्था की गई है ?

डा० कंसकर : हिन्दी की जो भ्रंलग भ्रंलग बोलियां हैं उन में जो लोक गीत हैं, उन सब को सब स्टेशनों से ब्राडकास्ट नहीं किया जा सकता है, लेकिन जिन प्रान्तों में यह भाषायें बोली जाती हैं, उन के स्टेशनों से वह जरूर ब्राडकास्ट किये जाते हैं, जैसे बिहार से मैथिली के लोक गीतों को नियमित रूप से ब्राडकास्ट किया जाता है ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any effort is being made to preserve some of the folk music which is to be found in the hill districts of our country?

Dr. Keskar: Sir, gathering and doing research work in folk music is a vast one, and though we are trying to gather as much as we can and our work in that direction is expanding, still it would be difficult to say to what extent we have been able to gather folklore of the hill side.

TEA EXPORTS TO BURMA

*2051. **Shri L. Jageswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total quantity of tea exported to Burma by land via Ledo and Moreh on the Indo-Burma frontier from January, 1953 to the date up to which figures are available?