

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether Government has any proposal to bring in cheap radio sets for the people so that they may have more radios hereafter?

Dr. Keskar: This is not related to listening directly, but I am prepared to agree with the hon. Member that cheap radio sets are a very important necessity for increasing the number of listeners. We are interested in the question and if we did not take it up till now it was because our network itself was not sufficiently strong for us to have cheap radio sets. We expect next year when our network is sufficiently strong to have the manufacture of cheap radio sets encouraged or, if it is not possible, for the ordinary trade to manufacture them to ourselves go into the manufacture of cheap radio sets.

Shri M. D. Ramasami: May I know whether it is a fact that so far as musical programmes are concerned, listeners prefer Ceylon Radio to All India Radio?

Dr. Keskar: Probably my hon. friend and his friends are of that opinion.

KOSI RIVER MODELS

*16. **Shri V. Missir:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiments on Kosi river models have been completed by the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The experiments are still in progress.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire whether the Indian team of engineers which visited China submitted any report, and, is it a fact that there is a proposal to tame the Kosi river by raising the embankments as a temporary measure?

Shri Hathi: The team of engineers that visited China has submitted a report to Government.

Shri Syamnandan Sahaya: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state when it is likely that these experiments will be completed?

Shri Hathi: On two models the experiments are completed. On the third it will take some more time because the experiment is in relation to the condition of the river after the barrage is constructed.

Shri Syamnandan Sahaya: In view of the heavy floods in the Kosi, have Government taken any steps to find out the directions of the floods and the devastation caused from actual survey?

Shri Hathi: In fact, the Minister of Irrigation and Power has already been there and is returning today, and so we shall get the complete data on the devastation caused by the floods.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether, due to the non-completion of these experiments, the financial sanction for the Kosi project, which has already been agreed to, is being delayed?

Shri Hathi: No, that has nothing to do with the sanction.

भाखड़ा बांध (नींव)

*१७. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या सिन्धुई तथा बिद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सत्य है कि भाखड़ा बांध की नींव अभी तक नहीं डाली गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी नींव में कांक्रिट विछाने का कार्य कब तक आरम्भ होने की आशा है ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) November 1955.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो तिथि माननीय मंत्री ने बताई है

वह योजना के अनुसार निश्चित समय के बाद की है या उसके पहले की ?

Shri Hathi: The date, November 1955, is according to the latest programme. The earlier one was in 1954.

डा० सत्यवादी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जॉ डाइवर्शन टनल दूसरी बन रही है वह पूरी हो गयी है या नहीं और वह कब खोली जायगी ?

Shri Hathi: One has been opened this year; the other will be opened in 1955.

संत अचल सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भाखरा डैम बनने में कितना समय और कितना रुपया लगेगा ?

Shri Hathi: The dam is likely to be completed in the year 1960. The latest estimate is about Rs. 152 crores.

CONFERENCE OF REHABILITATION OFFICIALS

*19. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of Rehabilitation officials of different States was held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June, 1954 at Srinagar; and

(b) if so, the main decisions arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) Yes; the Conference was held from the 5th to the 8th June, 1954, at Srinagar.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 3.]

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know which of the decisions arrived at at the Conference have by now been implemented by Government?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: It is a very long question. Out of 22 points discussed, about nine or ten have been decided.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know if this Conference reviewed the work done by the Ministry, and, may I also know the percentage of reha-

bilitation of refugees that has by now been completed by the Ministry?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: It is very difficult to say that, but so far as rehabilitation is concerned, a great majority of the displaced persons from Western region have been settled.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether a proposal was discussed in the Conference that in the immediate future the Rehabilitation Ministry should be closed, and what was the decision taken by the Conference?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: The point was discussed, but no decision has been taken so far.

PROPERTY OF DISPLACED PERSONS

*21. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state the total approximate cost of the moveable property of displaced persons so far recovered from West Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): Some movable property, mostly in the form of household and personal effects, has been recovered from West Pakistan from time to time under the Movable Property Agreement. It is, however, not possible to estimate the value of such property.

Shri Ajit Singh: May I know the total number of displaced persons from West Pakistan, and out of them, how many persons have claims for movable property?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: That figure is not readily available, but I could say that from 1st January 1954 to 15th July 1954, about 88 families have received their personal effects from Pakistan.

Shri Gidwani: May I know whether any movable properties left by displaced persons in Pakistan have been recovered?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: Yes, Sir; this has been going on since 1950.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether it is a fact that no valuable