

EAST BENGAL DISPLACED PERSONS

*1311. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses constructed so far by the Government of India for rehabilitating displaced persons from East Bengal; and

(b) the number of houses under construction for this purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) 13,730.

(b) 330.

PROGRAMMES IN HINDI

*1315. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the amount of money paid as honorarium during the current and last financial year for broadcasts in Hindi from the Delhi Station of the All India Radio?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The amount paid as honorarium during the current year, i.e., April to July, 1954, and last financial year for broadcasts in Hindi from the Delhi Station of All India Radio is Rs. 35,531/- and Rs. 82,999/-, respectively.

PROPAGANDA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*1317. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have their own propaganda machinery to popularise Indian goods in foreign countries;

(b) if so, which are the countries where such propaganda is carried on; and

(c) whether similar propaganda is done to popularise Indian tea and coffee also?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. By means of show rooms and exhibitions.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 38.]

(c) No propaganda is undertaken in respect of coffee. But in respect of tea we have set up cooperative organisations for propaganda in collaboration with other tea producing countries and the Tea Trade in each of those countries.

DEVELOPMENT OF MALNAD

*1319. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have received representations from the standing committee of the All-India Malnad Conference in regard to the development of Malnad areas; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken so far in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

EXPORT OF MANGANESE

*1322. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 597 asked on the 7th September, 1954, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the high freight on shipments of manganese India is unable to compete in foreign markets in this commodity;

(b) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to extend the trade in manganese to countries other than the United States and the United Kingdom; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Some representations in this regard have been received, and the matter is being looked into.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. In order to step up its exports, manganese ore