

Scheduled Castes and other backward classes appointed in the All India Radio?

Dr. Keskar: The hon. Member has not understood my reply. First it must be defined as to who is a backward class person and that can be clarified only when the report of the Commission comes. Certain tribes and castes are labelled as backward but until the report comes, it is not possible for us to say that a particular person belongs to backward class.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know if it is the policy of the Government of India to appoint some persons belonging to the backward classes in the All India Radio?

Dr. Keskar: It is the policy to appoint such people not only in the All India Radio but in other Departments also. But the real question is: who are backward?

Shri Kelappan: The list of Scheduled Castes and Tribes given by the Government of India includes the backward classes also.

Mr. Speaker: The question here relates to backward classes. It does not refer to Scheduled Castes.

Shri Kelappan: The list contains a section giving the backward classes also and this Commission is only going to revise it.

Dr. Keskar: He wants to know about the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes but the main question relates to backward classes. I will try to find out that.

हथकरघा उद्योग का विकास

*१६८. डा० सत्यबाबी : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पंजाब सरकार ने हथकरघा उद्योग के विकास की एक योजना अखिल भारतीय हथकरघा बोर्ड को भेजी है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Grants and loans totalling Rs. 5,80,394/- have been sanctioned to the State Government for implementing the schemes during 1954-55.

SODA ASH

*169. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soda Ash is being extracted from the Bittern lying waste in huge heaps at Sambhar Lake;

(b) if so, with what results;

(c) whether it is a commercial proposition; and

(d) if so, what quantity is expected to be obtained out of it and of what value?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) to (d). So far as Government are aware, Soda ash is not being recovered from bitterns lying at Sambhar Lake.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: How do Government propose to meet the requirements of the country?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There are two factories which are producing soda ash; the balance is now being imported. There are proposals for setting up other factories and a special officer is going round for suggesting suitable sites.

OVER STAYAL OF PAKISTANIS IN U. P.

*170. **Shri M. L. Agrawal:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistanis who came to U. P. from Pakistan on temporary permits in the years 1951 to 1954; and

(b) the number who over-stayed the period of their permits in India?