

to transportation difficulties which have since been removed.

(b) The question does not arise.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** क्या अभी भी ऐसे अस्पताल, स्कूल, सड़कें या कुएं हैं जिनको सीमेंट और कोयला न मिलने के कारण उनका काम बन्द रहता है ?

**श्री हाथी :** नहीं, अभी कोई ऐसा नहीं है ।

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** क्या सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में अगर कोई कमी होगी तो उसको दूर करने की पूरी चेष्टा करेगी ?

**श्री हाथी :** जरूर करेगी ।

#### INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL

**\*1454. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first Indian film festival is proposed to be held in Soviet Russia; and

(b) if so, when?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) The Government of India have not received any official invitation for and are not officially concerned with the film festival in Soviet Russia which is being mentioned in the newspapers.

(b) According to Press reports, the festival started on 23rd September, 1954.

**Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Is this a non-official festival, and if so, may I know whether Government have any information as to whether the Indian films will be shown in their original language or they will be translated into the language of the country where they will be shown?

**Dr. Keskar:** As we are not concerned with it, it is very difficult for me to give any details about the festival.

**Shri G. P. Sinha rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** He is not officially connected and he says he has no information. We will go to the next question.

#### COMMUNITY LISTENING

**\*1456. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in community listening since 1951;

(b) the number of community receivers now working;

(c) the increase in the number of actual listeners irrespective of the increase in the number of sets installed;

(d) the method of calculating the number of listeners; and

(e) the agency that has been employed to collect the figures?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). There were 9,944 community receiving sets as against 5,340 on 1st January, 1951.

(c) The first systematic estimate of the size of the audience listening in to community receivers was made in 1953. It was found for example in one State that on an average 70 persons gathered round each community receiving set at the time rural programmes were broadcast. As there are no comparable figures for the previous years, it is not possible to indicate the increase in the number of actual listeners.

(d) and (e). The data was collected by All India Radio with the co-operation of the State Broadcasting Departments in the States where such arrangements exist.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Is there any break-up of the number of rural and urban listeners?

**Dr. Keskar:** Most of the community receiving sets are in rural areas.