

therefore, these figures cannot be available. It was taken only last month.

#### CORRUGATED IRON SHEETS

\*597. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the procuring and selling prices per bundle of the corrugated iron sheets for Manipur State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the difference between the procuring and selling prices is abnormal;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps that Government propose to take to reduce the prices?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmakar):** (a) Procuring price is Rs. 71-8-0 at Calcutta and selling price at Manipur is Rs. 92-15-1 per bundle, exclusive of sales tax.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This, I understand, is being examined by the State Government.

**Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** May I know whether, in view of the large bottlenecks on the Assam link, and also the long distance to be covered by motor, Government have considered the desirability of reducing the freight charge over this commodity?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** So far as the question of reduction of the freight charge is concerned it is not in the hands of the Commerce and Industry Ministry. There are a number of other factors involved in it, and I think this is one of the subjects which is engaging the attention of the State Government.

**Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** In view of the fact that people are experiencing a lot of difficulty in the purchase of these iron sheets in Manipur, may I know whether Government will consider the question of coming to an early decision regarding this matter?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** So far as I am concerned, the decision is entirely to be taken by the State Government. If any proposals come from the State Government, the Central Government will certainly cooperate in implementing those proposals.

#### HIRAKUD WORKSHOP

\*599. **Shri Lokenath Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what will happen to the workshop in Hirakud after the completion of the Project; and

(b) whether Government have examined the advisability of establishing an Engineering College at Hirakud to take advantage of the workshop and other buildings after the construction of the Dam is over?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) After the completion of the Project, the workshop at Hirakud will be required, for about two years, to recondition the machinery now being used on the Project for resale or transfer to other Projects. Thereafter a portion of the workshop will be utilised for the maintenance of mechanical equipment in the Project.

(b) No, Sir. This is a matter which concerns the Government of Orissa and the State Government have been asked to intimate the position.

**Shri Lokenath Mishra:** May I know whether the workshop is managed there at the cost of the Orissa Government,—I mean out of the funds of the Hirakud Project? It was stated in the answer that the material will be transferred to some other project. My question is whether the expenditure on this workshop is borne by the Hirakud Project, which belongs to Orissa.

**Shri Hathi:** The expenses are borne by the Hirakud Project. The amount is paid by the Central Government as a loan to the Orissa Government.

**Shri Lokenath Mishra:** Have Government examined the advisability of having some engineering college

there, in order to make the best use of it?

**Shri Hathi:** The Government of Orissa are considering that question, but it is not yet finalised.

#### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

\*600. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the answer to starred question No. 26 asked on the 13th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether any rural electrification scheme has been received from the Government of West Bengal for 1954-55 and 1955-56; and

(b) if so, the amount of loan that has been sanctioned for this purpose?

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

(b) Rs. 163.38 lakhs.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Last time, no ceiling was given to us in respect of Madras and Bengal. May I know whether in the case of Madras a ceiling has been fixed?

**Shri Hathi:** It is not actually a question of fixing the ceilings. But Madras has been allotted Rs. 397 lakhs.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it a fact, that, for approved schemes only, grants are given? Are Government aware that in rural areas, due to want of funds, the schemes are not carrying on well? In view of the act that in such cases, the State Government will not take the matter into high consideration, may I know whether the Central Government will call for the records in those cases?

**Shri Hathi:** The Central Government would not call for the records from each State. At the most, the Planning Commission appraises the States and invites schemes for rural electrification.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May I know whether under this scheme before granting this loan, the Central Government have made, quite

sure that the power will be supplied on a no-profit-no-loss basis?

**Shri Hathi:** That is for the State Government to see. But generally, it is the concern of the Planning Commission to see that rural electrification is cheap.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** What is the amount advanced to the U.P. Government for a similar purpose? Is that all the amount to be given, or will anything more be given?

**Shri Hathi:** Rs. 235 lakhs is the amount given.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** How many schemes have as yet been received from West Bengal?

**Shri Hathi:** I think 37 schemes from West Bengal, but I shall check up the figure?

#### GLASS INDUSTRY

\*602. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian consumers of Indian made glass products have a general complaint that these products deteriorate due to the poor quality of glass containers being not of the minimum standard; and

(b) what steps if any Government have taken to make Indian made glass products suitable for manufacturers who use them?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Government have received no such reports.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether at present the Indian glass manufacturing industry uses almost the same type of raw materials and the same processes for the manufacture of all sorts of articles of glass.