

(b) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

#### USE OF STATIONERY IN ELECTIONS

\*1463. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) if it is a fact that during the last General Elections, roughly about 30 per cent. of stationery requirements were supplied out of the Government Stationery Office and the rest were purchased from other sources; and

(b) whether this caused loss of several lakhs of rupees to the exchequer?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (**Sardar Swaran Singh**): (a) No, Sir. In connection with the last General Elections the Government of India Stationery Office received demands for supply of stationery to the value of Rs. 6,27,241 from West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, Part C States, Election Commissioner and the Post and Telegraph Department. Out of this demand stationery worth Rs. 5,35,079 or 85 per cent. were actually supplied.

(b) Information regarding stationery purchased from other sources is not readily available. But it is not correct to say that any loss has been incurred to the exchequer for purchases made locally by the indentors.

#### MALAMPUZHA PROJECT

\*1464. **Shri N. P. Damodaran:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government of India for the completion of the Malampuzha Project in Malabar District of the Madras State;

(b) how much of the amount sanctioned has already been paid to the state Government; and

(c) the present stage of the work?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (**Shri Nanda**): (a) The Government of India have decided to give loan assistance to the Government of Madras for the Malampuzha Project to the extent of actual expenditure incurred in 1952-53 subject to a maximum limit of Rs. one crore.

(b) The amount will be paid towards the close of the financial year on the basis of the latest estimates then available of the likely expenditure on the project in 1952-53;

(c) Work on the masonry dam is in full swing and formation of earth

dam has been now taken up. About 41 per cent. of the dam and canal works have been completed. Canal excavation is almost complete upto the 13th mile. Construction of cross masonry works, bridges, sluices etc., are in hand, and the some of these have been completed. Works on the Major aqueducts viz. across the, Kannadi and Korayar rivers are in good progress and arches are being laid. Excavation of the distributaries has also been taken up and is in progress.

#### DYES AND DYE-STUFFS

339. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House giving the quantity of various dyes and dye-stuffs imported during 1951-52 with the names of countries of origin?

(b) Are there any factories in India manufacturing dyes and if so, their names and places of location and quantities of stuffs manufactured during the year 1951-52?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (**Shri Karmarkar**):

(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to part (a) of Starred Question No. 1215 on the 26th June, 1952.

(b) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 27.]

#### TEA

340. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tea produced in India (State-wise) during the year 1951-52;

(b) the quantity exported during the same period; and

(c) the total amount of export cess realised?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (**Shri Karmarkar**):

(a) The total quantity of tea produced in India during 1951 is estimated to be 622.73 million lbs., of which North Indian produced 507.800 million lbs. and South India produced 114.936 million lbs. Break-down figures for production State-wise are not available.

(b) and (c). 425.54 million lbs. of tea were exported from India during 1951-52. At the rate of Rs. 2 per 100 lbs. the total amount of cess realised on this quantity is estimated to be Rs. 85 lakhs.