

Bengal jute takes place on a very wide scale across the borders of West Bengal and East Pakistan?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I shall take that information from the hon. Member.

KOSI DAM PROJECT

*458. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kosi Dam Project has been included in the Five Year National Plan (now converted to six year plan) for execution; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the steps that Government propose to take in the matter and the results that Government expect to achieve by its materialisation as envisaged in the National Plan?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) The scheme has not been included in the First Part of the Five Year Plan. It is however being considered for inclusion in the second part.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it a fact that the Advisory Committee have suggested the construction of the Belka dam scheme?

Shri Nanda: Yes.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Do the Government propose to accept that recommendation?

Shri Nanda: The recommendation is under consideration.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: May I know whether the other river valley schemes which are cheaper in cost and more remunerative than the Kosi project will be given priority over the Kosi project?

Shri Nanda: The merits of the various schemes are under examination.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Have the revised estimates for the Kosi project been accepted by the Commission?

Shri Nanda: The revised estimate submitted by the Advisory Committee has been considered by the Planning Commission and certain further investigations are in progress.

NEWSPRINT

*459. **Shri P. N. Rajabhoj:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the United States have completely stopped allocating newsprint to our country?

(b) If so, what alternative arrangement has been made to have enough of newsprint?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No allocation of newsprint is made by the United States to India.

(b) Does not arise.

सेठ गोविन्द दास: क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि हिन्दुस्तान में भी न्यूज प्रिंट बनाने के लिये एक मिल बन रही है और उस मिल को केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा सहायता पहुंचाने का विचार किया जा रहा था ? इस सम्बन्ध में क्या हुआ ?

[**Seth Govind Das:** Is it not a fact that a newsprint mill is being opened in India as well and the Central Government contemplate giving assistance to this mill? How far has this matter gone?]

श्री करमरकर: इस में से यह प्रश्न नहीं निकलता । अगर वह निकलता हो तो.....

[**Shri Karmarkar:** This question does not arise. If it would arise.....]

श्री गोविन्द दास: जी नहीं, इस में से यह प्रश्न निकलता है । पार्ट "बी" से यह निकलता है ।

[**Seth Govind Das:** No, Sir, it does arise. It arises from part (b) of the question.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Let there be no argument. It is not a question of argument between the hon. Minister and the hon. Member. The matter is left to the Chair.

Seth Govind Das: सभापति जी, मैं यही कह रहा था । (I was submitting this very

thing). I was only suggesting to you, Sir, that my question arises from part (b). In part (b) it is asked: If so, what alternative arrangement has been made to have enough of newsprint?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think it arises.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: From which countries is newsprint imported?

Shri Karmarkar: From some of the Northern European countries and from Canada. But I should like to have notice if precise information is required.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: May I know the production of newsprint in our country, and our requirement?

Shri Karmarkar: Our requirement for 1951 was about 54,000 tons, and production at the moment is nil.

श्री एम. एल. द्विवेदी: क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय से मैं पूछ सकता हूँ कि सरकार की पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत समाचारपत्र के कागज के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने का भी विचार किया गया है ?

[**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government have also considered the question of increasing the production of newsprint in the country under the Five year Plan?]

श्री कर्मकर: प्लानिंग कमिश्नर के मंत्री बोलें ।

[**Shri Karmarkar:** That is for the Minister of Planning to say.]

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): Yes, the question has been considered, Sir, but I cannot give precise information.

Shri B. Shiva Rao: In view of the newsprint situation in the country, is there any proposal before the Government for the abolition of the price page schedule?

Shri Karmarkar: That question is under the consideration of Government, and during the next few months a decision will be taken.

COAL NEAR IMPHAL

*460. **Shri L. J. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a hillock in the village of Moirang 23 miles from Imphal, has yielded coal?

(b) If so, what kind of coal is it and what are the potentialities of the find?

(c) Have Government done anything to explore the area and locate the coal mines?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) There is no record of the occurrence of coal in village Moirang.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri L. J. Singh: May I know whether the people of Moirang recently found coal in a hillock and a sample of that coal was produced before the Manipur State authorities for examination?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am not aware of any such information. But the Coal Commissioner, the Director of the Indian Bureau of Mines and the Director of the Zoological Survey of India, who were all consulted in the matter, have been of the unanimous opinion that there is no occurrence of coal in this village.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

*461. **Shri K. D. Malaviya:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state what steps have so far been decided upon for carrying on co-ordinated development work in rural areas on the lines of Community Development Projects and in what way Government propose to take the help of U.S.A. and their experts?

(b) Have some areas been selected in this connection where rural development work on intensive basis will be started soon and if so, which are those areas?

(c) Are Government ready with any training scheme in this connection which will prepare local workers for the work in the selected areas?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). I invite attention to articles 2, 3, 6 and 7 of the Operational Agreement No. 8 on Community Development Programme under the Technical Co-operation Agreement. A copy is laid on the Table. [Copy placed in the Library. See No. IV F.41(6).]

RADIO GOA

*462. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anti-Indian propaganda is being carried on by Radio Goa; and