

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 कमिशन 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 28 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

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to counteract the same?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) No, Sir, not to our knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Is the Government's information based on investigation?

**Dr. Keskar:** Yes, Sir.

#### GOVERNMENT HOUSING FACTORY

\*463. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to place a report of the working of the Government Housing Factory, with figures regarding the total money invested in it, the losses incurred, etc.; and

(b) who were responsible for the losses, if any, incurred to the State's finance with regard to the Housing Factory and what action, if any, was taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) A short report of the working of the Factory with a statement of expenditure incurred on the factory upto 30th April 1952 is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No. 14.]

(b) The fact of an absolute loss has not yet been established definitely, as utilising the Factory for the production of pre-fabricated houses of a type different from the one originally contemplated is under the active consideration of Government.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** What were the terms of the contract with Messrs. Engineers of India, and when they failed to fulfil their contract, what steps were taken against them?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot go into all the details, but necessary steps have been taken in this behalf; it is too early to say as to what final steps will be taken by the Government.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Was any compensation demanded from them?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I should like to have notice to give further details in this regard.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** May I know if any further advances have been made to the Indo-Swedish firm by the Government of India?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** No, Sir.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** What is the meaning of "the fact of an absolute loss has not yet been established definitely"?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The anticipated loss, as the statement shows, is about Rs. 19 lakhs, but we cannot at this stage declare that it is an absolute loss, as we have got proposals to utilise this factory for different purposes. And what may be considered to be a loss now might not turn out to be a loss ultimately.

#### खादी-उत्पादन

\*४६४. **श्री आर एस० तिवारी:**  
क्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या खादी का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कोई योजना तैयार की है या उस पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) क्या गत वर्ष सरकार ने अन्य मंत्रालयों को खादी का उपयोग बढ़ाने के बारे में आदेश दिये थे;

(ग) यदि दिये थे, तो क्या खादी के उपयोग में कुछ वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि वृद्धि हुई है तो कितनी?

#### Khadi PRODUCTION

[\*464. **Shri R. S. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have prepared or are considering any scheme for increasing the production of Khadi;

(b) whether Government issued orders to other Ministries last year regarding the increasing use of Khadi;

(c) if so, whether there has been any increase in the use of Khadi; and

(d) if so, what is the quantum of such increase?]

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

(a) Certain State Governments have initiated schemes for development of Khadi. The Central Government's interest in Khadi development is