

(ii) Navigation.

(iii) Soils and soil Mechanics.

(iv) Concrete and material of construction.

(v) Statistics.

(vi) Hydraulic Machinery.

In addition, the Station also carries out model experiments on the designs and construction of masonry structures to effect economy and efficiency on the river valley projects in India and on the principal waterways and harbours in this country.

(b) The investigations in the Station include silting of the canals and growth of salinity only.

RESEARCH CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ARID ZONES

*640. Shri Kandasamy: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) where the Research Centre for Development of Arid Zones will be located; and

(b) what is the nature of the studies which are to be made in it?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) The 'Indian Development and Research Centre' is proposed to be located at Jodhpur.

(b) The centre, when set up, will be engaged on the task of formulating an integrated programme for the optimum development of water resources of Rajasthan. It will also co-ordinate and continue the various aspects of work that are being carried out by the Central and different State agencies for the reclamation of the arid lands of Rajasthan. Geological, geophysical, hydrological and other related surveys and investigations will be taken up by this Centre.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BIHAR

*641. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) the principles on the basis whereof Community Project Centres have been selected in Bihar State; and

(b) the nature of the schemes of development to be executed there?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) Attention is invited to my reply to Shri Ghamandilal Bansal's question No. 31 on the 19th May, 1952.

(b) These are basic types as defined in the "Community Projects—a Draft Outline."

KRISHNA RIVER VALLEY SCHEMES

*642. Shri Viswanatha Reddy: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been reached regarding the priority to be given to the various Krishna River Valley Schemes that have been investigated; and

(b) if so, what is the order of priority?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a), No.

(b) Does not arise.

Khaddar

*643. Shri Jhulan Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) if the *Khaddar* (handspun and handwoven cloth) Industry has been given any encouragement and protection by the Government of India and if so, the nature and extent thereof; and

(b) if any case of the breach of the provisions of the *Khaddar* Name Protection Act has come to the notice of the Government of India and if so, whether any action has been taken in respect thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Government of India have decided to purchase as far as possible one third of their requirements of cloth in the form of handloom products including *khadi*. During the year 1951-52, a sum of Rs. 2 lacs has been given as grants-in-aid to *khadi* producing centres for promotion of *khaddar* production.

(b) No such case has come to Government's notice.

WORKING HOURS OF JUTE MILLS

*644. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working hours of jute mills in West Bengal have been reduced with effect from April, 1952; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir, with effect from 31st March, 1952.