

for official accommodation in Delhi just at present, and how much more we require?

Shri Buragohain: The present need is about 3-66 lakhs of sq. ft., and out of this, leaving a margin for the accommodation likely to be available in some of the Princely Houses which have been or are proposed to be taken over, additional accommodation to the extent of about 3 lakhs sq. ft. will be necessary.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

***1661. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) what types of organisations have been set up in various States for giving effect to the programme of community development projects which will be financed out of the Indo-American Technical Co-operation Fund; and

(b) the nature of work that has already been started in different States?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) The organisational set-up for the community development programme is outlined in Article 3 of Operational Agreement No. 8 on Community Development Programme, a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House on the 4th June, 1952.

(b) Preliminary survey of project areas, with a view to preparing a programme, is in progress.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether Government have considered the several constructive suggestions that have been made on the floor of the House, and whether the necessary changes are going to be made?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: All suggestions made by this House are given very careful consideration. What the final position will be I am not in a position to say just yet.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, whether Government have considered the desirability of convening a conference of non-official bodies or persons who are engaged in rural uplift work?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: No such suggestion has been considered, Sir. I am not sure that was contained in the observations made in this House.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know what is the amount that Government have so far actually received under this programme?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: I am not prepared to answer that question in connection with a question on the organisation set-up for community projects. I would require notice.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any provision has been made for the training of State representatives in the basic plan of these community projects so that there may be uniformity?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: A large number of training centres for the village workers are going to be set up under the auspices of the Ford Foundation.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know the first five States in which the largest number of projects have been established?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: This information has been furnished from time to time already.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether work has commenced in these projects, and how far it has progressed so far?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: The programme of work is like this: completion of survey of project areas—15-7-52; submission of project estimates—31-7-52; approval of estimates by the Community Projects Administration—15-8-52; commencement of project—1-10-52, which is really in time for the *rabi* agricultural season.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether these projects will be implemented through contractors or through the Department?

Mr. Speaker: I do not know how he is interested in having this.

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: I do not think the hon. Member has understood the nature of this project.

Pandit C. N. Malviya: Has the selection of the trainees been made?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: It is in progress. We have issued or are about to issue instructions in regard to the machinery to be set up for selecting the trainees.

NEWSPRINT FROM FIR

***1662. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether fir logs brought down from the Kulu Hills to Dhillwan through the river Beas have been experimented upon for the production of newsprint;