

efforts of the Government of India have been futile so far.

Shri A. C. Guha: Has my hon. friend any information about some of the places of worship in Dacca and Chittagong on which a question was asked in a previous session? Can he say what has happened to those places.

Shri Satish Chandra: I would require notice. I can give information only about Shri Bejoy Krishna Ashram.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the representations in respect of the Bejoy Krishna Ashram were made to the Government of Pakistan before or after the Chief Ministers' Conference, and whether this matter was also brought up before that Conference?

Shri Satish Chandra: This matter has been pending since February 1950 when the disturbances took place in Bengal. It was informally discussed at the Chief Secretaries' Conference on the 25th and 26th April last, but no decision was arrived at. The discussion has not been recorded in the proceedings of that Conference.

UNATTACHED WOMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE

*758. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an unattached Women's Co-operative Training Centre was started at Habra (W. Bengal); and

(b) if so,

(i) the number of trainees taken;

(ii) period of training and nature thereof;

(iii) whether any allowance was to be given and if so, upto what period that allowance has been given; and

(iv) what has happened to the trainees after the training?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) 100.

(ii) 6 months for training in

(1) Fruit Preservation;

(2) Spinning and weaving;

(3) Tailoring; and

(4) Button making.

(iii) Yes, for the entire period of training.

(iv) The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table in due course.

Shrimati Sushama Sen: May I know if Government have any scheme of providing these women that have been trained with any means of livelihood?

Shri A. P. Jain: Yes, these women are given a sum of Rs. 250 for buying small machinery, etc. Sometimes they are given sewing machines to carry on their trade.

Shri A. C. Guha: If after getting proper information the Government find that these women have not been paid all the allowances, will the Government make prompt payments to them?

Shri A. P. Jain: Certainly, I will draw the attention of the West Bengal Government who I hope will take adequate steps in this direction.

METALLURGICAL COAL

*759. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the average raising of metallurgical coal per month since January, 1950 to March, 1952;

(b) whether since the formation of the Coal Board, there has been any appreciable decrease in the consumption of metallurgical coal; and

(c) the average monthly export of metallurgical coal during the same period (January, 1950 to March, 1952)?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The figures are under compilation by the Coal Board and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

(b) Yes; the current loco coal supplies effective from 1st January, 1952 provide for replacement of about 110,000 tons of metallurgical coal per month by non-metallurgical coal.

(c) The average monthly exports of coking coal are:—

1950—8,069 tons

1951—36,939 tons

1952—42,088 tons

(average of first 3 months).

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know whether the Government is charging higher prices for metallurgical coal than for ordinary coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I want notice to answer that question.

Shri A. C. Guha: In respect of the exports of metallurgical coal to foreign countries, may I know whether the orders from those foreign countries have been specifically for metallurgical coal or for ordinary coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I want notice to answer that question, but I can say this. We have decided to export some metallurgical coal to foreign countries with a view to earning foreign exchange. The demand of course is presumably for metallurgical coal.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MACHINE TOOLS

*752. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the value of machine tools (i) imported into India from foreign countries; and (ii) manufactured in India in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 23.]

TEA AND COFFEE (EXPORT)

*753. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total export of tea and coffee from India in 1949, 1950 and 1951?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 24.]

SHIP BUILDING

*754. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state how many ships are proposed to be built in the Hindustan Shipyard in the current year?

(b) Do the Government of India propose to buy any ships from foreign countries, and if so, how many and from what countries?

(c) Do the Government of India propose to open any other ship-building yard?

(d) If so, where and when?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Three ships whose keels were laid last year will be completed within the course of the next five months and three more ships whose keels are to be laid during this year, will be completed within the next eighteen months or so.

(b) It is not proposed to buy any commercial ships on Government account.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

D. V. PROJECT

*760. **Shri T. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state whether it is proposed to hold an Inter-State Conference to consider the economics of the Damodar Valley Project?

(b) If so, what are the special subjects to be discussed at the Conference?

(c) When is the Conference likely to meet?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). An Inter-State Conference was held on the 31st May 1952 to consider certain matters relating to Damodar Valley Project. The main items in the agenda were: consideration of Maithon, Panchet Hill and Irrigation and Barrage Projects; basis for the high rates for the Konar contract; cost accounts of land reclamation; funds for 1952-53; betterment levy. A few of the items were discussed and it is proposed to hold another conference in the beginning of July 1952 to discuss the remaining items and take final decisions.

KOSI PROJECT

*761. **Shri T. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state how much has the Kosi project cost up to date and what is the total area served by it?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): The investigation of the Kosi Project has cost Rs. 74,67,797 upto the year ending 1951-52. The total gross area that will be served by the Project when it is completed will be 32.77 lakh acres.

EUROPEAN PAYMENTS UNION

*762. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether our country is participating in the European Payments Union?

(b) What are the benefits so far achieved from this Union?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) India does not participate directly in the European Payments Union, but by virtue of her association with the Sterling Area, she indirectly benefits