

agency employed and the amount being spent annually for foreign publicity during the last five years?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** India's foreign publicity is conducted by our missions abroad, assisted in some instances by Information Officers.

The amount spent annually during the last five years is as follows:—

1947-48, Rs. 8,68,300

1948-49, Rs. 25,35,210

1949-50, Rs. 33,51,200

1950-51, Rs. 30,25,842

1951-52, Rs. 37,53,100.

#### FARIDABAD AND NILOKHERI TOWNSHIPS

**155. Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state the total investment made by the Government of India in the Nilokheri development project?

(b) Have the small-scale industries at Nilokheri been affected by the recent slump, if so, to what extent?

(c) Is there any unemployment in the Nilokheri and Faridabad townships, at present, and if so, to what extent?

(d) Which other small-scale industries are proposed to be introduced in the Faridabad and Nilokheri townships?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) to (d). The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### ALUMINIUM

**156. Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what has been the production of Aluminium in India year by year from 1947 to 1952?

(b) What have been the costs of production and the selling prices per ton year by year?

(c) What have been the foreign prices per ton year by year?

(d) What has been the total consumption of Aluminium in India year by year during these years?

(e) What is the cause of the great difference between foreign prices and costs of production?

(f) What steps are being taken by Government to improve the efficiency of the factories producing Aluminium?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 32.]

(e) There are several causes, the most important being (i) non-availability of power at cheap rates, (ii) production capacity of the plants being not as high as it should be for their economic running, (iii) comparably high costs of raw material used in the manufacture of aluminium and (iv) Indian bauxite being more expensive to mine.

(f) In order to reduce the cost of production, expanded capacity has been sanctioned for both the existing producers.

#### HIRAKUD RECLAMATION CENTRES

**157. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of land reclaimed so far in the Hirakud Reclamation Centres for rehabilitating the people affected so far by the Hirakud Reclamation Centres; and

(b) out of the land reclaimed referred to in part (a), how many acres have been made ready for cultivation?

**The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the Government of Orissa and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

#### HIRAKUD RECLAMATION CENTRES

**158. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of land in the different Hirakud Reclamation Centres have been cultivated departmentally and how many acres through annual leases; and

(b) the yield of crops in different areas referred to in part (a) above?

**The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the Government of Orissa and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

#### HIRAKUD DAM

**159. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses, schools, temples and wells for drinking water