

ing the progress of work on each of the two Diversion Tunnels at Bhakra upto 31st March 1952 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 41]

(b) When completed inside diameter of the two Diversion Tunnels will be 50 feet each while the excavated diameter upto rock is about 58 feet.

(c) Rs. 3-26 crores approximately.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know from the hon. the Minister as to how these two tunnels will be utilised when the Bhakra dam will be completed?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** They are there for diversion while the work is being completed. After carrying the cables, one of the channels will not be needed.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know the surface of inner diameter of the tunnels, has been constructed, whether with gravity type concrete or anything else?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I want notice.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** May I know whether the work on these tunnels is according to schedule or whether there has been any delay?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I do not think it is very much behind hand. There was a little damage last year on account of floods, which delayed matters a bit.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the cost mentioned by the hon. Minister is the recent estimate, or whether it is previous one?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** The latest estimate, Sir.

#### TRADE WITH U.S.S.R.

\*1773. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what quantities of jute and tea were exported to U.S.S.R. in 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1951-52;

(b) whether it is a fact that no jute, tea and castor oil were exported to U.S.S.R. in 1950-51;

(c) if so, what are the reasons; and

(d) the extent to which the imports from U.S.S.R. have increased since 1948-49 (year by year and item by item)?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 42]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There was no export of raw jute due to short supply in the country.

The other items were apparently not needed by the Soviets during these periods.

(d) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 43]

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Sir, the statement shows that our export to U.S.S.R. is decreasing year by year. May I know what are the main reasons for this and why raw jute was not exported in 1950-51?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Sir, in regard to decline of trade, as the hon. Member knows, the normal trade factors do not operate in this particular instance. It is a question of two Governments acting and the only surmise I would make at this moment is that the Soviet Government does not wish to import the articles which they were importing in the past. So far as raw jute is concerned, I have already said it is in short supply in this country and the policy of this Government is not to encourage the export of raw jute.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, the sort of arrangement or agreement on trade with the U.S.S.R.?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** It is on a Government to Government basis and very largely on the barter basis.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** There was an offer made by the Soviet representative at the Bombay exhibition. Have the Government considered the possibility of enhancing trade with the Soviet Union on the basis of the offer of the U.S.S.R. to supply goods and accept payment in Indian currency?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I am not at the moment able to recollect the offer. If the hon. Member puts down a question, I will make an attempt to answer.

**Shri Nana Das:** May I know, Sir, the principal articles that we imported from U.S.S.R.? Is there any possibility of importing capital goods?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** In regard to the first part of the question, I would invite the hon. Member's attention to the statement laid on the Table. In regard to the second part, I have no information.

**Shri Punnoose:** Has it come to the notice of the Government that the U.S.S.R. offered to supply us with food, and not only with food, but also machinery, provided we are prepared to give our articles in return?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I can take that information from the hon. member.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Is it a fact that in these barter deals the Russian Government has been too exacting and the negotiations had to be prolonged and protracted over a long period because of the difficulty in satisfying the U.S.S.R. Government?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have no information.

#### JUTE MANUFACTURES

\*1774. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the effect on orders from the U.S.A. for jute manufactures as a result of the reduction of the export duties recently?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** American purchases of burlap in India increased from 26 million yards in April 1952 to 119 million yards in May 1952, June purchases are expected to be good.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether the reduction in the export duty on raw jute has enabled India to underquote her European rivals?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** That is correct, Sir.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government expects to win back the lost market in jute as a result of this reduction of export duty?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** That is also right, Sir.

#### INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

\*1775. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state how many and which countries participated in the International Film Festival organised in India in 1951-52?

(b) What was the number of delegates from each country?

(c) What was the total expenditure incurred by the Government of India for and in connection with the Festival?

(d) Is India invited in similar Festivals in other countries?

(e) If so, which of the Festivals were attended by India since 1947?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No 44]

(c) Rs. 82,158-4-0.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 45]

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, how many feature films and documentaries were shown in this festival at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Delhi?

**Dr. Keskar:** Sir, this is given in the statement with the names of all the feature films that were shown.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, whether films for children and 'puppet' films were also shown?

**Dr. Keskar:** A few films for children and 'puppet' films by foreign producers were also shown at this festival.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, what arrangements are being made by our Government to produce children's films and 'puppet' films?

**Dr. Keskar:** One of the main objects of holding this festival was to show to our producers the utility and popularity of such films, and we hope that after seeing these films they will also take up similar production.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** May I know, Sir, what arrangements had been made by the Government of India for the tour of the film delegates in this country? If so, what is the expenditure incurred by the Government of India towards that?

**Dr. Keskar:** Sir, this delegation toured at their own expense and we did not incur any expenditure for their tour.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Which were the towns in India to which this festival moved during its exhibition?

**Dr. Keskar:** The festival was held in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Delhi.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Was the response encouraging?

**Dr. Keskar:** Yes, Sir. The festival was very successful.

#### KOSI PROJECT

\*1777. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Advisory Committee on the Kosi Project has recommended immediate construction of Belka Dam Scheme in view of the urgency of the Kosi flood problem;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have accepted the said recommendation; and