

## RETAIL CLOTH DEALERS

\*1057. **Shri Dhasiya:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the total number of licences issued to retail cloth dealers at present in Delhi?

(b) Is it a fact that in the months of February and March 1952 about 1800 retail dealers' licences have been cancelled and if so, on what grounds?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) 2746.

(b) No.

## DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECT

\*1058. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Damodar Valley Project is going to be completed within the time originally stipulated;

(b) whether any dam, out of the proposed eight, has been completed so far;

(c) how many families have been displaced on account of the operation of the Damodar Valley Scheme so far;

(d) how many are likely to be displaced by the time it is completed; and

(e) whether the displaced persons have been rehabilitated?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) The first phase of the Damodar Scheme is scheduled to be completed by 1955. Every endeavour will be made to adhere to the target date.

(b) The first phase of the Scheme includes construction of four dams only viz. Tilaiya, Konar, Maithon and Panchet Hill. Of these Tilaiya will be completed this year and Konar next year.

(c) 81 families have been displaced so far.

(d) 10,000 families are likely to be affected by all the 8 dams and the Thermal Power Station.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I ask if the Corporation proposes to hand over charge of rehabilitation to the State Government of Bihar as suggested by the Estimates Committee in its 5th report?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** This and the other recommendations of the Estimates Committee are under consideration.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I also ask how much land in Bihar is likely to be irrigated by the project when completed?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I would like notice of that question.

**Prof. Agarwal:** May I know what are the latest estimates of the D.V.C.?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I think the whole matter will come up for discussion later this morning. I will only say it is round about Rs. 90 crores.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the original target date was fixed at five years after beginning the work and not 1955? Is it a fact that this target date of 1955 has been fixed later?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I should like to have notice as to the exact date given in the original estimates.

## WAGONS FOR LOADING COAL

\*1059. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirements of wagons for loading coal in collieries of Bihar;

(b) the number of wagons indented by various collieries of Bihar in 1951-52; and

(c) the number of wagons actually supplied in 1951-52?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) 854,918 wagons on the basis of production from Bihar Collieries in 1951-52.

(b) Wagon indent figures are not maintained separately for Bihar fields only.

(c) 738,815 wagons on the basis of total despatches from the Bihar fields during 1951-52.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** May I know how many wagons were booked to North Bihar?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I am sorry, Sir, I have no figures for North Bihar separately.

## TRADE BETWEEN KASHMIR AND CHINESE TURKESTAN

\*1060. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state: