

form and extent are authoritatively communicated to the Government.

REHAND BUND PROJECT

*1072. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rehand Bund Project (Mirzapur) is included in Multi-purpose Development Projects;

(b) if so, when it is going to be started and with what amount of contribution by the Central Government;

(c) whether U.P. Government has decided to share in implementing that project; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) No decision has been taken so far.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

TRANSMITTERS

*1073. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six transmitters of 50 K.W. were imported in 1949 by Government;

(b) if so, their cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of these transmitters was meant for Jullundur Radio Station and that it has not been installed there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that most of these transmitters have been lying idle with the Government for the last four years and that their valves have become unserviceable; and

(f) if so, the price of those valves and the persons responsible for this loss?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir in 1948-49 and 1949-50.

(b) Rs. 33.6 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Some of the valves in these transmitters have been found to have developed defects while in storage.

(f) The cost of the valves is Rs. 2 lakhs approximately. The damage appears to be due to poor quality of material on manufacturing defects and claims have been preferred on the manufacturers for free replacements.

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TRANSMITTERS FOR PUNJAB AND ASSAM

*1074. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two transmitters of 10 K.W. were imported for border States of Assam and Punjab, sometime during the last three years; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no such transmitter has been installed in Punjab, and if so, why?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Two 10 K.W. medium wave transmitters were imported in connection with All India Radio's Development Plan; these were not specifically earmarked for installation in any particular state.

(b) Does not arise.

AMERICAN COTTON

*1075. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) the rate of contract per bale of American cotton purchased during the year 1951-52 by the Government of India for distribution to the Textile Mills in India; and

(b) how many bales of such cotton have reached India up till now?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No American cotton was purchased by the Government of India; but import licences have been issued to the mills and the trade for import of American Cotton of 11.25 lakh bales.

There is no contract price. It is for importers to settle prices with the exporters.

(b) 8.37,000 bales of 400 lbs. each.

**नवी घाटी परियोजनाओं के बारे में वृत्तंत
और विवरण**

*१०७६. **सेठ जचल सिंह:** (क) योजना तथा नवी घाटी परियोजना मंत्री यह बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे कि क्या दामोदर घाटी परियोजना, हिराकुद परियोजना, भाखड़ा नंगल परियोजना और केकरपाड़ा परियोजना के प्रक्रमी व्यक्तियों से व्यय के मासिक वृत्तंत और विवरण मंगाये जाते हैं?

(ख) यदि नहीं मंगाये जाते, तो क्या सरकार इस प्रश्न पर विचार करेगी?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir. They are received regularly from the Project authorities.

(b) Does not arise.

COIR AND COIR GOODS

***1977. Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coir, coir fibre and coir products exported from India in the year 1951-52;

(b) the countries to which they were exported and the quantity that was exported to each country;

(c) the value of the quantity exported from India;

(d) what is the total quantity of the above articles exported in the year, 1952; and

(e) whether Government have got any scheme to stimulate exports of coir and coir goods?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 45.]

(d) 15,809 tons during the 1st quarter of 1952.

(e) The matter is receiving consideration.

ADVANCES TO ORISSA GOVERNMENT FOR HIRAKUD DAM PROJECT

***1978. Shri B. N. Misra:** Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state.

(a) how much money has been advanced to the State of Orissa towards the Hirakud Dam Project and whether the Orissa State Government has paid the interest on the amount advanced up-to-date;

(b) what is the total cost incurred for the construction of the houses for the staff at the Hirakud Dam Project;

(c) whether the staff pay any charges for lighting in their quarters and also for the rent of the houses;

(d) if so, what amount; and

(e) whether the staff employed in the Hirakud Dam Project are paid any construction allowances and if so, at what rate?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Government have advanced the following loans to the State of Orissa to enable them to meet

the expenditure on the Hirakud Dam Project:—

	Rs. (lakhs)
1948-49	81
1949-50	307
1950-51	439
1951-52	800
Total	1,627

Interest on the above loans are being paid by the State Government regularly.

(b) Rs. 72,35,000.

(c) Staff are allowed rent free quarters and free electricity. Consumption of free electricity has been recently restricted to certain limits for different categories of staff.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. A Construction (Compensatory) Allowance of 20 per cent. of pay is paid to all officers in Classes I and II and staff Class III and Class IV subject to the following maximum limits:—

Designation	Maximum limit
Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineers and Officers of equivalent rank	Rs. 150 per mensem.
Executive Engineers and officers of equivalent rank	Rs. 125 „ „
Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and officers of equivalent rank.	Rs. 75 „ „
Class III and Class IV staff	Rs. 100 „ „

WOOL

***1979. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wool produced in India and the percentage thereof produced in Rajasthan; and

(b) whether the traders of Rajasthan have been allowed to export wool outside India in proportion to the production there?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The annual production of wool in India is estimated at 54.53 million lbs. a year and Rajasthan's share is 32.5 per cent.

(b) Wool is being licensed freely for export valid for shipment upto 31s