

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) No, Sir. Bamboos are available in large quantities in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The examination report received by the National Newsprint and Paper Mills indicated that newsprint from salai wood and bamboo was a commercial possibility.

#### MYSORE BROADCASTING STATION

**\*2073. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the broadcasting station at Mysore is going to be transferred to Bangalore; and

(b) if so, when?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) The present transmitter at Mysore will not be installed in Bangalore. A high power transmitter is proposed to be installed at Bangalore.

(b) The high power transmitter will be installed as soon as possible. It is high in the priority of the Five Year Development Plan.

#### MALARIA CONTROL UNDER IRRIGATION PROJECT

**\*2074. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is estimated for anti-malarial measures under each of the major Irrigation Projects which are being executed at present; and

(b) whether the amount so set apart is considered sufficient for fully controlling malaria in the irrigated area under those projects?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR D.V.C.

**\*2075. Shri Krishna Chandra:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the following remarks in the Annual Report of Damodar Valley Corporation, Part one, on page 1.

"Orders for those (that is plant and equipment) were channelled through the Director General of Industries and Supplies, early in January, 1951, but

orders for the supplies were actually placed in June, 1951. This delay could not but adversely affect the construction schedule for the Konar Gravity Dam;

(b) what are the causes responsible for this delay in placement of the orders; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure more promptness in such matters?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Buragohain):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position stated in the Report is not correct. There was no delay in placing the orders on the suppliers. Four indents were received by the D.G.S. and D. on the 4th January 1951, from the Damodar Valley Corporation. As the supplies were to be arranged from sources in Germany and Switzerland, as located by the Corporation's consultants, the indents were cross-mandated to the Director General, India Stores Department, London on 6th January 1951 i.e. within 48 hours. Three indents were covered in February and March 1951 after making the necessary enquiries through the Indian Embassies in Germany and Switzerland about the financial standing etc., of the firms selected by the Corporation. As regards the fourth indent, one of the items was subsequently cancelled. The remaining items were superseded by fresh indents placed by the Corporation on 12th March 1951 and 20th March 1951. Complete specifications had to be obtained from the Consultants and the items were then covered in June 1951.

(c) Does not arise.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

**\*2076. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) when the Community Projects in Rajasthan are expected to begin; and

(b) what amount of money will be spent over them?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) By 1st October, 1952.

(b) The estimated expenditure is Rs. 151.67 lakhs for three years.

#### BROADCASTING STATIONS FOR RAJASTHAN AND MADHYA BHARAT

**\*2077. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no Broadcasting Station

either in Rajasthan or in Madhya Bharat; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government in the matter.

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Broadcasting stations are proposed at Jaipur, Jodhpur, Indore and Gwalior under All India Radio's Five Year Development Plan.

#### BHAKRA CANAL IN RAJASTHAN

\*2078. { **Shri Karni Singhji:**  
**Shri Jaipal Singh:**  
Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work on the Bhakra Canal in Rajasthan;

(b) the strength of the Engineering Staff employed on the Bhakra Canal in Rajasthan; and

(c) whether the Rajasthan Government have been given any loan by the Government of India for construction of the Bhakra Canal in Rajasthan?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) A Note on the progress of Bhakra Project in Rajasthan for the period ending 31-5-1952 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 15.]

(b) The strength of Engineering staff on Bhakra Project is as follows:—

Category	Sanctioned strength	Staff actually employed
1. Suptg. Engineer	1	1
2. Executive Engineers.	4	1
3. Assistant Engineers.	12	12
4. Overseers.	60	35

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India gave a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs to the Rajasthan Government for the purpose during the financial year 1951-52.

#### ISKAPALLI SALT FACTORY

\*2079. **Shri Nana Das:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total extent of land occupied by Iskapalli Salt Factory in

Nellore District excluding the land in S. No. 1052; and

(b) what area thereof is suitable for raising food crops?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) Nil. The entire Salt Factory at Iskapalli lies within Survey Number 1052, the total extent of which is 1060.38 acres, out of which 438.80 acres are occupied by the Factory.

(b) Nil.

#### AREA UNDER SALT MANUFACTURE IN MADRAS

\*2080. **Shri Nana Das:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under salt manufacture in the Madras State:

(b) the total area under private individual licensees;

(c) the total area under co-operative organisations; and

(d) the total number of individual licensees who have been allotted fifty and more than fifty acres of land?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) 18,930 acres under licensed manufacture. The extent of land under manufacture without licence is not known.

(b) 17,705 acres.

(c) 1,225 acres.

(d) 43.

#### SALT PRODUCTION

\*2081. **Shri Nana Das:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of salt produced in India during the half year ended on the 30th June, 1952;

(b) what was the stock of salt as on the 1st January, 1952 in Andhra Districts of Madras State and what was the quantity produced during the half year ended on the 30th June 1952 in those Districts; and

(c) out of the total stock in Andhra what is the quantity that contained 94 per cent. of Sodium Chloride?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) 604 lakh maunds.

(b) The total stock in salt factories in the Andhra Districts was 35.5 lakh