

(c) if the answer be in the negative, what are the reasons for not giving such facilities?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). As export of groundnuts is not now being allowed, the question of giving facilities to producers of groundnuts to export their produce does not arise. Producers of oil are eligible to receive export licences for oil.

#### MANGANESE

**\*2271. Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been fall in the demand from abroad for manganese from Madhya Pradesh State;

(b) what are the districts in Madhya Pradesh State which are affected by the fall in demand; and

(c) what are the reasons for the fall in demand?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) No Sir, there has been no fall in the total demand from abroad for manganese ore which is produced in Madhya Pradesh.

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

#### WORKSHOP AT HIRAKUD

**\*2272. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) (i) the out-turn of workshop at Hirakud; (ii) the capital outlay on the workshop; (iii) the average expenditure on the workshop per month at different dam sites and (iv) the out-turn in terms of money;

(b) whether it is a fact that some dynamos were removed from the workshop for disposal to private persons and if so, whether any arrests have been made in that connection, and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints to the effect that old motor tyres are being sent to Calcutta for reconditioning and are being paid for as new when they are received back?

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

#### MOTOR AMBULANCE VAN AT HIRAKUD

**\*2273. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) (i) whether there is a motor Ambulance van for Hirakud Hospital; (ii) the total amount spent for medicine in the hospital per annum; (iii) the total amount spent on petrol and mobile oil for ambulance; (iv) the total amount spent on maintenance of the ambulance including staff; and (v) whether the van is used for purposes other than legitimate; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a bus for carrying the school going children from their houses to Hirakud School and if so, the total amount spent for the purpose?

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

#### A.I.R. NEWS BROADCASTING SERVICE

**\*2274. Shri Kandasamy:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decentralise the A.I.R. news broadcasting service;

(b) if so, what is to be the basis of decentralisation, whether regional or linguistic; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the desirability of such a step?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Decentralisation of All India Radio's news service will involve considerable additional expenditure as separate editorial and other staff will have to be provided at each station. The question of enlarging the scope of local news coverage in regional language bulletins is under consideration, subject to availability of funds.

#### DRAFT FIVE YEAR PLAN

**\*2275. Shri Kandasamy:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) in how many languages is the draft outline of the Five Year Plan printed; and

(b) how many copies were printed and distributed in Tamil?