

ORIYA TEACHERS IN HIRAKUD AND BURLA SCHOOLS

*662. Shri R. N. S. Deo: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on account of the want of sufficient number of Oriya teachers at Hirakud and Burla High Schools, the Oriya Officers and employees posted there find it difficult to have their children taught properly;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no provision for teaching the students of all classes of the High Schools in Oriya medium; and

(c) the name of the University to which these schools are affiliated?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is provision for teaching the students of all classes of the High School in Oriya medium.

(c) Utkal University.

BUILDINGS IN HIRAKUD AND BURLA

*663. Shri Saranagadhar Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of buildings in Hirakud and Burla which were found leaking this year during the rainy season and the total cost of such buildings;

(b) the action taken against the contractors concerned; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to construct better buildings in future?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a)—

Hirakud

1½ per cent. Rs. 88,000/-

Burla

8 per cent. Rs. 841,000/-

(b) Wherever the leakage was due to the fault of contractors, it is being rectified at their cost.

(c) In the more important buildings recently constructed the roofs have been covered by brickballast and lime concrete instead of earth. No other steps are considered necessary.

AMRAVATI COMMUNITY PROJECT CENTRE

*664. Shri K. G. Deshmukh: (a) will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the number of Government Officers who are working in the Community Project area at Amravati Centre in Madhya Pradesh, for the development of the proposed area?

(b) What are the designations of the

said officers with their respective number?

(c) What is the progress of work made at this centre up till now?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) 50.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 48].

(c) Survey of the project area has been completed and budget estimates have been prepared and submitted to the Government of India. In addition to this, some work has been done by way of distribution of fertilisers, inoculation of cattle against rinderpest, construction of soakage pits, improvement of wells and of means of communication and opening of two key village centres.

TEA PRICES

*665. Shri K. P. Tripathi: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what are the internal prices of tea in wholesale and retail markets in India?

(b) How do they compare with those prevailing before the present fall in prices?

(c) Has there been an increase in the profit margin of the tea traders and if so, what?

(d) Is internal tea selling at below cost price?

(e) Are Government considering the fixation of higher wholesale price for internal tea, in view of the high retail prices to give relief to tea-growers?

(f) What other steps have been taken in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The average wholesale and retail prices per lb. of tea at present are:

	Wholesale	Retail
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Darjeeling	1 2 0	2 0 0 10
Assam	0 10 0	2 12 0 1 8 0 10
Dooars	0 12 11	2 0 0 1 4 0 10 1 10 0

(b) The corresponding figures for January 1952 are:

	Wholesale		Retail	
	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.
Darjeeling	1	3	2	8
Assam	1	3	0	2
Dooars	1	1	3	12