The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir; 552 more schools are reported to have installed receivers during the period between Ist January 1952 and 30th September 1952, bringing the total to 2,135 as against 1,583 on 31st December 1951.

(b) Educational broadcasts are being given from the Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Tiruchi Vijayawada, Lucknow, Allahabad, Patna and Trivandrum stations of All India Radio. It is proposed to provide similar programmes from other Stations as and when the existing low power transmitters are replaced by high power ones and more receiver sets are installed in the schools.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know the number of listening schools in Madras State?

Dr. Keskar: 741.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know whether the grants to these schools are made on a Statewise policy?

Dr. Keskar: The installation of receivers is the responsibility of the State Governments and not of the Central Government.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the non-keeping of the receivers by the States is due simply to financial difficulties, or have they any other objections for putting up these?

Dr. Keskar: It is mainly financial. But I might inform my hon, friend that we are impressing on the State Governments the utility and usefulness of putting up more and more receivers in their schools, and we are getting good response from them.

Sardar Hukam Singh: The hon. Minister has stated that more strong transmitters are also to be put up. How long would it take the All India Radio to replace its transmitters with stronger ones?

Dr. Keskar: The replacement of the low power transmitters by higher power transmitters is the main item in the five year development programme of the All India Radio.

Shri Achuthan: What is the average cost of installing a receiver?

Dr. Keskar: That will depend on the type of receiver that the schools install.

Teachers, Doctors and Contractors for Malaya

*1022. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the

Government of Malaya has approached the Government of India for recruiting some teachers, doctors and contractors for service in Malaya?

- (b) If so, have these personnel been recruited?
- (c) If the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, how many persons have so far been sent to Malaya?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes, for some teachers only.

- (b) Not yet. The Government of India have informed the Malayan Government that they may advertise in leading newspapers in India and call for applications. The Malayan Government propose to send a Senior Officer of the Malayan Education Department to interview the candidates and select them. It has been stipulated that a representative of the Education Ministry of the Government of India should also, be included in the interview Board.
 - (c) Does not arise.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the number of teachers, which the Government of Malaya had asked the Government of India to recruit, or for whom they wanted facilities to recruit from India?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: 39 is their present requirement.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know for what language these teachers are wanted?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The instruction is given in English, but the teachers are required for science, history, geography and English.

Shri Veeraswamy: What are the respective scales of pay and conditions of service for the teachers and doctors we send to Malaya?

Shri Anil K. Chanda. It will be on a contract basis for three to five years. The basic salary in Malayan dollars is 660-30-780 p.m., and cost of living allowance at standard current rates would bring it up to \$790-25-890 for single men, and to \$950, 990, 1030, 1055, 1080 for married men, and to \$950. 990, 1030, 10675, 1105 for married men or widowers.

Shri B, S. Murthy: May I know whether the Government of India will take full responsibility for the security of these persons while they stay in Malaya?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: It is our solemn obligation to take all steps to ensure the security of our nationals abroad.

COAL (EXPORTS)

*1023 Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of coal so far exported from this country during the current financial year;
- (b) the total value of these coal exports; and
- (c) the countries to which it has been exported?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (c), A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 10.]

(b) Rs. 8,80,00,000. (approximate).

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, the export price of this coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: At the control price fixed by the Government of India plus other and incidental charges.

Shri Raghavaiah: Are all the demands of the industrial concerns and the tobacco growing peasants who require them met before the coal is exported?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Certainly all the local requirements are met before any coal is exported outside.

Shri Sanganna: What percentage does Orissa coal bears to the total quantity of coal exported outside India?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am sorry, I cannot say straightway now.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Is it a fact that the tobacco growers of the South have several times complained? What steps have been taken in order to supply them the coal required?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Every possible effort is being made to meet the demands of the tobacco growers. Out of the quantity allotted to them, the major part of it—nearly 84 per cent. of the coal required—can be supplied from the Singaranni Collieries which are near by.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: Are we importing any coal from abroad?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is mentioned in the statement that 2,55,000 tons of coal have been sent to South East Asia. It is also mentioned that it has been sent to Japan, Ceylon, Burma and other countries like Indonesia etc. What does 'South East Asia' indicate?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Some other countries like Hong Kong, Singapore etc.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to export coal to belligerent countries?

Shri K. C. Reddy: That question has already been answered on the floor of the House.

Shri Dhusiya: Do we get the same price for exported coal as other countires or is it different? If so, which is the highest and lowest price?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The prices are not really comparative. As I said already, the price is the control price fixed by the Government of India plus freight, other and incidental charges. These will vary.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, whether 'South East Asia' includes Korea also? Is coal exported to Korea?

Shri K. C. Reddy: If the hon. member will look into the statement I have placed on the Table of the House, he will have the answer.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is North-East Asia.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I mean North Korea,

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is further north.

BLAST FURNACE AT SAMBALPUR

*1024. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Aetna Japan Company of Japan was carrying on negotiation with the Government of India for erecting a blast furnace at Sambalpur, Orissa and if so, with what result?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Negotiations are being conducted amongst others with the Aetna Engineering Company of Japan for the establishment of an Iron and Steel Plant in India. The question of the location of this Plant has not yet been decided. Negotiations are still in progress.