

(b) a housing scheme for low-income groups has been finalised and will be communicated to the State Governments shortly for implementation.

INDUSTRIES IN PUBLIC SECTOR

*36. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish any of the industries in the public sector in the Punjab State; and

(b) whether the proposed cement factory is likely to be established in that State?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). There are no specific proposals before the Government at present. A fertilizer Production Committee has, however, been set up to investigate, *inter alia*, the question of suitable locations including a location in Punjab for new units for fertilizer production.

FILM "BHOWANI JUNCTION"

- *37. { **Shri S. N. Das;**
Dr. Rama Rao;
Shri N. M. Lingam;
Shri Radha Raman;
Shri Bahadur Singh;
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha;

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign firm has been granted facilities to film a picture known as 'Bhowani Junction' based on a novel on Indian life;

(b) if so, the nature of facilities sought and granted by Government;

(c) whether Government have had the novel examined; and

(d) if so, the result of such examination?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). A foreign firm has asked for facilities to produce a picture based on the novel mentioned. It has been decided that there is no need to grant

special facilities for this purpose. However, certain normal facilities are given to foreign producers who ask for them provided there is nothing objectionable in that picture. The question of granting any such normal facilities is under consideration.

(c) and (d). Both the novel and the script of the film have been examined. Certain portions which may cause offence have been excluded from the script though the story and its presentation might not be considered by many people as non-controversial.

COAL

*38. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output of Coal in Government collieries is going down year by year since 1952;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The total production in Government collieries in 1952 was about 9 per cent. more than the production in 1951 but in 1953 the production dropped by about 4 per cent. as compared to the production in 1952.

(b) The main reason is the aging of the mines and the consequent exhaustion of working places in mines and quarries and the scattered and isolated nature of working places in certain collieries. Contributory causes are lack of facilities for stowing operations and some reduction in output due to accidents.

SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

*39. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have asked the State Governments to submit by the 15th November, 1954 their proposals regarding new large-scale industrial projects or for the expansion of the existing large-scale undertakings, for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the State Governments, which have communicated their proposals to the Planning Commission so far; and

(c) the details of each of these proposals?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) Madras (2) Mysore (3) Hyderabad and (4) Rajasthan.

(c) A statement indicating the proposals received from the State Governments is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 7.]

HIRAKUD DAM PROJECT

*40. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1479 asked on the 29th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the economic survey of the Hirakud Dam Project has since been completed by the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics; and

(b) whether any preliminary report on the subject has been called for by Government?

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

(b) The Government of Orissa have reported that they have not called for any preliminary report.

PROJECTS UNDER THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN

*41. Shri C. R. Chowdary: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) which of the new projects included in the First Five Year Plan to be executed during the last two years have already been taken up after full investigation of the dam, channels etc; and

(b) whether in the case of inter-State projects joint reports of the States concerned have been obtained and scrutinised by the Central Water, Power and Irrigation Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Work has been taken up on the Rihand, Koyna, Chambal, and Kosi projects, after the completion of adequate investigations for the parts on which construction has commenced.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the case of Chambal, the joint report of Madhya Bharat and Rajasthan was obtained and scrutinised by the Central Water and Power Commission. In the case of Kosi, which concerns Bihar and Nepal, the investigations were conducted by the Central Water and Power Commission themselves. The project as prepared by the C.W. & P.C. was examined by a technical committee and also agreed to by the Nepal Government. In the case of Krishna, the joint report of Hyderabad and Andhra was examined by the Krishna Technical Committee and was referred to the two Governments.

TV-EYE SET

*43. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the purposes for which TV-Eye set is now being put in the foreign countries;

(b) the uses to which it is being put in India now;

(c) the cost of complete Set of 'TV' delivered in India; and

(d) the number of TV Sets so far received in India?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) T.V.