

SCHOOL BROADCASTS

*1527. { Shri D. C. Sharma;
Shri Bahadur Singh:

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

(a) the progress made in school broadcasts since 1951:

(b) the number of schools receiving broadcasts now;

(c) the increase in the number of actual listeners irrespective of the number of the stations; and

(d) the agency that has been employed to make the school broadcast assessment?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). Since 1951, School broadcasts have been started at Lucknow-Allahabad, Patna, Nagpur, Mysore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad Stations of All India Radio.

During the same period, i.e., 1951 to 31st July, 1954, the total number of licences taken out by Schools has increased from 2,382 to 4,440.

(c) Exact statistics regarding "actual listeners" are not available.

(d) No separate agency as such has been set up. Assessments are made through the advisers and the panels and by contacts with the listening Schools and the educational authorities of the State Governments.

तम्बाकू से निकाला जाने वाला तेल

*१५२८. { श्री विभूति मिश्र :
श्री झलन सिंह :

क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस देश में वर्जीनिया तम्बाकू के बीजों से तेल निकाला जाता है;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो प्रति मन कितना तेल निकलता है; और

(ग) क्या तम्बाकू के बीज का तेल खाने के काम में आ सकता है ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 30 per cent. on the average.

(c) Yes, Sir.

STEEL PLANT

*1529. { Shri Gidwani:
Shri R. N. S. Deo:

Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the construction of the Steel plant in Orissa;

(b) how much staff has been recruited so far; and

(c) the amount that has been spent up to the 31st October, 1954?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 31.]

(b) The total strength of the Staff recruited by the Hindustan Steel, Limited, up till the 1st December, 1954, is 105. Of this 17 are technical personnel and 88 are non-technical personnel. This does not include persons selected for training.

(c) The total expenditure incurred by the Hindustan Steel, Limited, upto the 31st October, 1954, is Rs. 46,35,605.

FORWARD MARKETS COMMISSION

*1530. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 690 on the 8th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the Forward Markets Commission have finally considered the question of amending the Indian Cotton Contract in order to curb certain speculative tendencies which have been in evidence recently; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government?