

जाणित्य तथा उद्योग उषमन्त्री (श्री कानूनगो): सरकार को एसी कोई सूचना प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

COMMUNITY RADIO SETS

*1044. **Shri Randaman Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the total number of community radio sets installed so far in different States with the financial help of the Central Government; and

(b) the amount spent by the Centre thereon till December, 1954?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). On the basis of a subsidy of 50 per cent. arrangements for supplying about 2,000 sets by March, 1955 have been made. The payment of a subsidy of Rs. 1,50,000 in respect of 1,000 sets has so far been approved.

GANGA BARRAGE PROJECT

*1045. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**
Shri Ramananda Das:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Technical Advisory Committee to prepare a project report on the Ganga Barrage Project;

(b) whether the estimated cost has been worked out so far;

(c) if so, what will be the estimated total cost of the Project; and

(d) when the committee is likely to submit its report?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 39.87 crores.

MICA

*1046. **Shri J. E. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry

be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 398 on the 26th November, 1954 and state the stage at which the proposals for the setting up of an Export Promotion Council for mica rest at present?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): The details of the scheme to set up an Export Promotion Council for Mica are being placed before the Mica Advisory Committee to elicit their views.

FLOOD CONTROL IN TRIPURA

*1050. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 30 on the 23rd August, 1954 and state the nature of the schemes formulated for controlling floods in Tripura?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The schemes formulated for controlling floods in Tripura States are as follows:—

- (1) Raising and strengthening the embankments;
- (2) Providing spurs, Double Groyne and Brush Wood pitching for erosion control;
- (3) Providing sluice gates for—
 - (i) preventing high flood water of the rivers entering beels.
 - (ii) draining water in beels into the river where river water is low.

INDIAN EXPLOSIVES LIMITED

*1064. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state by what time the Indian Explosives, Limited is likely to go into production?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): It is expected that the factory might begin trial production in about three years' time.