

**Shri Kamath :** During the First Five Year Plan period, in the execution of these river valley projects, what has been the maximum percentage of deviation from the original estimate, and the minimum?

**Shri Hathi :** That question could not be replied to generally. Costs have risen because of the scope of the project having been enlarged in several cases. In each project the estimate may have risen because of various circumstances. It may be that in certain cases the scope of the Project has been enlarged. In certain cases it may be because of the rise in the cost of the materials. Of course those estimates have risen, but I cannot give a general reply.

### Sewing Machine Parts

\*2. **Shri Barman :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing :

(a) the names of the parts of sewing machines that are manufactured by cottage industries; and

(b) what incentive Government have given to such cottage industries?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo) :** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 2].

**Shri Barman :** May I know the number of workers that have found employment as a result of this cottage industry?

**Shri Kanungo :** The number of the workers is reported as 5,035. But that excludes certain small establishments which are not registered.

**Shri Barman :** Certain parts are being imported at present. May I know whether Government has taken any steps to produce those parts inside the country, and also what is the proportion and value of these imported parts in relation to the price of the whole machine?

**Shri Kanungo :** Only eleven parts out of 106 are imported, and efforts are being made to encourage their manufacture in the country. The total value of the parts as such of these eleven items, I am unable to give reply today.

**सेठ अबल सिंह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि सिलाई की मशीनें लुधियाने में काफी लावाव में बनाई जा रही हैं? उनको स्टैंड 14th करने के बारे में गवर्नमेंट क्या सो रही है?

**श्री कामूनगो :** लुधियाने में बनती हैं और दूसरी जगहों में बनती हैं। लुधियाने में उनकी तरबकी करने के लिये रुपया मंजूर किया गया है और पंजाब गवर्नमेंट हीट ट्रीटमेंट के लिए एक यूनिट भी बना रही है।

**Sardar Hukam Singh :** Is it a fact that some time ago a representation was received from the Ludhiana manufacturers that import licences for the parts that are not produced here are given to those that have nothing to do with the manufacturing but to others and the actual manufacturers of other parts are denied those import licences?

**Shri Kanungo :** There were some representations to that effect, and on the previous occasions there might have been some difficulty about it. But at present the parts are allowed to be imported by the actual users.

### Inter-State Seminars

\*3. **Shri Raghavaiah :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Community Projects Administration proposes to conduct 6 Inter-State Seminars in the various parts of the country;

(b) the date of and place where these Seminars are proposed to be held;

(c) the names of the States that will participate in these Seminars; and

(d) whether the representatives of different political parties, trade unions and peasant organisations will also be invited to participate in these Seminars?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) :** (a) and (b). Community Projects Administration have organised eleven Inter-State Seminars in different parts of India in the last two years. This year's programme for conducting similar Seminars is being formulated.

(c) The grouping of the States for participation in the proposed Regional Seminars will be decided after the venues and dates of various Seminars have been finalised?

(d) No. In addition to the representatives of Central and State Governments, Ford Foundation and Technical Co-operation Mission, the non-official members of the Project Advisory Committees etc. are also invited to these Seminars.

**Shri Raghavaiah :** What is the object in holding the Seminars, and what the subjects discussed at these Seminars?

**Shri S. N. Mishra :** The main object of these Seminars is to get together all the key personnel employed in the community development programme for an exchange of views and a sort of reorientation and service training.

**Shri Raghavaiah :** May I know whether Government propose to supply a copy of the gist of these Seminars after they are concluded and make the same available to all the Members of this House?

**Shri S. N. Mishra :** I think the hon. Member suggests that placing the report of these Seminars should be placed on the Table. That may be considered.

**Shri Raghavaiah :** Will not the efficiency of the execution of these community projects be increased if non-official Members representing different political parties and organisations are also summoned to take part in these Seminars?

**Mr. Speaker :** I think it is a question of opinion.

**Shri Kamath :** Do the non-official members of the Project Advisory Committees, to which the Minister referred, include members of the categories mentioned in part (b) of the question?

**Shri S. N. Mishra :** I think on the Project Advisory Committees all members are irrespective of their party affiliations.

**Shri Kamath :** My question was different ; it was whether those members includes these categories or not.

**Shri S. N. Mishra :** I think most of them must be belonging to the different political parties.

**Shri Kamath :** Must be. It is actually so?

#### Plant to Machinery

\*4. **Shri Punnoose :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) the value of surplus plant and the machinery at present with the various River Valley Projects, being executed by the Central Government;

(b) who was responsible for the purchase of these surplus stores; and

(c) the action taken to prevent recurrence of such instances?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power ( Shri Hathi ) :** (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

**Shri Punnoose :** Has it come to the notice of Government that news items have been appearing in the papers as to these surplus quantities of materials?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power ( Shri Nanda ) :** The news items relate to the question of the rate of sickness of machinery; and I had occasion to issue a statement on that subject, explaining the fact that the reports related to a very much earlier period, and since then a great deal of improvement has occurred in this respect.

**Shri Punnoose :** Is it a fact that in certain projects there is surplus material while work is being held up in certain other projects because there is lack of material?

**Shri Nanda :** Sickness of machinery is one thing; surplus plant is another thing. Regarding surplus plant, after the report of the Machinery Committee and a meeting of the Co-ordination Board of Ministers, a procedure has now been evolved that a list of the spare plant in one project is circulated to all other projects and their requirements are dealt with in the light of the surpluses anywhere else.

**Shri Kamath :** Which project is the biggest culprit in this respect?

**पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी :** क्या मंत्री महोदय को इस बात का आश्चर्य है कि कितने पार्ट्स रस्ट लग जाने से बंकार हो गये ?

**श्री नन्दा :** रस्ट लग जाने से कहीं कहीं कुछ नुकसान हुआ होगा लेकिन यह बतलाना कि कितनों को जंग लगा है और नुकसान हुआ है, इसकी इनक्वायरी मेरे पास नहीं है।

**पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी :** आप जो इनक्वायरी टेबुल पर ले डायन करेंगे, उसमें इसको इनक्लूड कर लगे ?

#### Fertilizers Production Committee

\*6. **Shri Nanadas :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 821 on the 12th March, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Production Committee have since submitted their final report;

(b) whether the opening of a fertilizer factory in South India has been recommended;