

in the world, big and small, including the United States of America, France, U.K., U.S.S.R., Canada, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Norway, Israel and Egypt.

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know if we are free to pass on information on atomic research received from countries which have developed this research, to countries which are comparatively backward in this matter with whom we happen to enter into agreements ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : That depends on the nature of agreement. If we are asked not to pass on some information which we get, then naturally we have to respect that. Otherwise, so far as we are concerned, we do not want to keep anything secret.

Shri Meghnad Saha : May I know if the Government is in touch with Soviet Russia for help in this atomic energy affair, and also if the Government is aware that Soviet Russia is offering reactors, technical help, etc., to all friendly nations ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : Yes, Sir. We know that such offers have been made. We are considering all these matters on a world basis of various countries, including the Soviet Union. Some of our scientists dealing with atomic energy will probably be visiting the Soviet Union to discuss matters further.

Shri Kamath : So far as the attitude of the U. K., U. S. A. and U. S. S. R., is concerned in this matter, which country has been observing the least atomic secrecy in relation to India ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : The countries that have observed the greatest lack of secrecy are those which have very few secrets.

Shri Kamath : There is no answer to my question. Which of the three countries.....

Mr. Speaker : He has already answered it.

Shri Kamath : Is it satisfactory ?

Press Commission

*37. **Shri N. Rachiah :** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state

(a) when Government propose to constitute a Press Council as recommended by the Press Commission; and

(b) whether the views of the Indian Journalists' Association have been ascertained in this regard ?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) : (a) It is difficult to fix any date. The matter is under active consideration of Government.

(b) It is not clear whether the hon. Member is referring to any specific association or to representative bodies of journalists. The views of the various Associations of newspapermen have been ascertained on the recommendations of the Press Commission.

Shri N. Rachiah : Are Government aware that there is general dissatisfaction among the working journalists due to the delay in the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Press Commission ?

Dr. Keskar : Yes, Sir. I have replied to this in connection with a previous question.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi : As sufficient time has already elapsed since the Report of the Commission was submitted, may I know what is the hitch in the implementation of its recommendations ?

Dr. Keskar : The delay in expediting any work depends on the nature, importance and complexity of any recommendation, and so far as this specific question is concerned, it is not always easy to implement immediately any recommendation even though we might consider it desirable.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Hydel Projects

*5. **Shri Eawasa Reddy :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of machines used for work in some of the Hydel Projects in the country are lying unused;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure their proper use ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) No, Sir. The position has substantially improved since, 1953, when the Plant and Machinery Committee visited various projects.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I Annexure No. 4].

Border Incidents

*16. **Shri Sivamurthi Swami :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of border incidents which have occurred during the period from April to June 1955 on the Indo-Pakistan borders of East and West Punjab.