

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस समिति की सिफारिशों पर कोई निश्चय किया है ?

**योजना उपमंत्री (श्री एस० एन० मिश्र):** (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**श्री एस० एन० बास :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि रिपोर्ट कब तक गवर्नमेंट के पास भाने वाली है ?

**श्री एस० एन० मिश्र :** इस महीने के आखिर तक यह समिति अपनी सिफारिशों की रिपोर्ट पेश करेगी ।

**श्री एस० एन० बास :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि अब तक इस कमेटी ने किन किन राज्यों का दौरा किया है ?

**श्री एस० एन० मिश्र :** मेरी जानकारी में इस समिति ने दौरा तो नहीं किया, लेकिन राज्य सरकारों के प्रतिनिधियों से बातें की हैं ।

**श्री एस० एन० बास :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि समिति ने सभी राज्य सरकारों के प्रतिनिधियों से बातचीत की है या कुछ एक राज्यों के ही प्रतिनिधियों से ?

**श्री एस० एन० मिश्र :** अब तक यह सिलसिला जारी है । बहुतों से बातें हो चुकी हैं और जिन से और बातें करना मुनासिब समझा जायेगा उन से बातें की जायेंगी ?

**Shri N. R. Muniswamy:** May I know who are the members who constitute the Committee, and what are the objectives which they have to take into account while preparing the report ?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** There are five members on this Committee which is working under the chairmanship of Professor D.G. Karve. The other members of the Committee are: Professor D.R. Gadgil, Shri V.L. Mehta, Shri Govindan Nair, and Shri Nanjappa, who is alternate member. Dr. D.K. Malhotra, Deputy Secretary Planning Commission, is acting as Secretary to the Committee. The objectives of this Committee are: first, that the bulk

of the increased production of the consumer goods during the Second Five Year Plan should be produced in the sector of village and small-scale industries; second, employment in this sector should progressively increase; and third, production and marketing in this sector should proceed mainly on the lines of co-operatives.

### Chrome Ore

**\*2141. Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the latest policy of Government regarding the export of Chrome Ore; and

(b) whether the Orissa mine owners will be permitted to honour their contracts already executed ?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Export of Chrome Ore; is licensed freely for shipment by the end of December 1955. Exporters have, however, been warned that they should not enter into commitments with foreign buyers for shipments beyond 31st December 1955.

(b) No such assurance can be given.

**Shri R.N.S. Deo:** May I know whether it is a fact that according to a Press Note dated 27th September, 1954, no time-limit nor quantitative restriction was imposed, and chrome ore was freely licensed for export, and that by a subsequent Press Note, restriction in regard to commitments beyond June, 1955 was imposed ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We reviewed the position in the beginning of 1954, and we kept aside 15,000 tons for exports by established exporters for the period January to June 1954, and the balance quantity of 15,000 tons was utilised for granting commitment licenses. Out of a total of 30,000 tons provided for in 1954, the total quantity actually shipped was 23,362 tons. In 1955 (January to July), the total quantity shipped was 25,407 tons. As our needs for chrome are likely to increase in the near future, we are going slow and guarded.

**Shri R.N.S. Deo:** In view of the misleading earlier Press Note, may I know whether Government are considering allowing those mine-owners who have entered into long-term commitments to fulfil their contracts ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We have been giving them quotas and warning from time to time. As I said, during 1954, we set aside a quota of 15,000 tons specifically for previous commitments. During 1955, we have made an allotment, and we have said that people can go on exporting till the end of December, 1955. If there are

any other commitments made, after having noted our policy, I think it will be difficult for us to honour all commitments, because the commitments, as we have been informed, are far far greater than we can ever fulfil. For instance, outstanding commitments, as reported to us, have gone up to 1956 and 1957, and we are not in a position to guarantee those commitments.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know if all the chrome ore has been extensively and intensively surveyed by the Geological Survey? If so, is it a fact that, like iron and manganese ores there is plenty that would be surplus and available for export for quite a large number of years?

**Shri Karmarkar:** According to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research the quantity of chrome ore which we can envisage with certainty is 1.5 million tons, and it is not a large quantity as compared with our needs in the near future, in view of expansion of our steel plants. Regarding the other surveys, I wish he tables a question to that Ministry.

### Kosi Project

\*2142. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the findings of the model tests conducted at the Poona Research Station in regard to the proposed alignments of the Kosi embankments?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hath):** *Eastern Embankments*—The model tests showed that some changes in the alignments of the embankments, both upstream and downstream of the Barrage, were necessary, and that the places, where velocities were high, needed protection by spurs.

*Western Embankments*—The model tests showed that the alignments of the embankments, both upstream and downstream of the Barrage, were satisfactory.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know if it is a fact that in the model tests it has been found that the condition of the people inhabiting in between the two Kosi embankments would further deteriorate when the embankments are ready?

**Shri Hath:** The model tests have not revealed any such thing. The water would only rise by 3 to 5 inches and so it would not adversely affect them.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether it is a fact that the area lying south of the two terminal points, that is, Mugaon and Jhamta, will have higher pressure of water and suffer more devastation as a result of construction of the two embankments?

**Shri Hath:** Perhaps what the hon. Member wants to suggest is that when the embankments will be completed and water will be discharged, there will be more velocity for the water and, therefore, that area will be badly damaged. That is not a fact. We have kept ten miles space between the banks and, therefore, the water will not flow with a greater velocity at all and there will be no adverse effect on the area when the embankments are completed.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know by what time the model tests in all respects will be completed?

**Shri Hath:** Some of the tests have already been completed, that is, about alignment. The other two tests are almost complete. We are now taking up some more and they will take about 4 months to complete.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Is the Government aware of the fact that the Chief Administrator of the Kosi Project makes no secret of the fact that the project is scientifically and financially unsound? He is telling the people so.

**Shri Hath:** I have no information that the project is financially or scientifically unsound.

### Saigon Incident

\*2143. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether the International Commission has taken any decision on the question of compensation for the damages done to them during the Saigon Riot on the 20th July, 1955?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam has forwarded to the French High Command, consolidated claims for compensation in respect of damages sustained during the Saigon riots on the 20th July, 1955.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know the total amount of compensation that has been claimed from the Vietnam Government?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** I am not able to mention the exact amount, but the claim was submitted in a consolidated form to the French High Command.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Was any reply received from the Vietnam Government?