

Survey of Taldih Mining Area

*2394. **Shri Sanganna** : Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Survey Company of India has been asked to take an aerial photograph of the Taldih Mining area in connection with the Rourkela Steel Project, and

(b) if so, where the matter stands at present?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). The Air Survey Company of India Limited, Calcutta, have been asked by Hindustan Steel Limited to make an aerial survey of the Taldih mining area in connection with the Rourkela Steel Project. The survey will be undertaken soon.

Employment

*2395. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury** : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing the results achieved so far in respect of the Eleven Point Programme of 1953 for the expansion of the employment opportunities in the country?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S.N. Mishra): Results of the Eleven Point Programme are being assessed.

Film on Bhudan Movement

*2396. { **Shri Radha Raman** :
Shri M. Islamuddin :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India are producing a film on Acharya Vinoba Bhave or on his Bhoodan Movement ;

(b) if so, what will be its length, principal features and cost;

(c) when it will be ready; and

(d) whether it will be shown free or sold out to film exhibitors?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (d). A documentary in two parts is under preparation. It will be shown in the Cinemas and will also be shown extensively on non-commercial releases.

Salt

*2397. { **Shri Kamath** :
Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani :

Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import rock salt from Pakistan;

(b) if so, when and how much;

(c) whether India is deficient in salt production;

(d) if not, the reasons for importing salt from Pakistan;

(e) whether the All India Salt Refiners Association has made a representation in this connection; and

(f) whether Government have considered the representation, and if so, with what result?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The recent Trade Agreement concluded between India and Pakistan provides for the import by India, of 10 lakh maunds of rock salt from Pakistan during the currency of the Agreement viz. from 1-9-55 to 31-8-56.

(c) No, so far as Sea Salt is concerned. Rock salt, however, for which there is a marked preference in certain parts of North India is not yet sufficiently available.

(d) The import of rock salt from Pakistan has been agreed to in the interest of promoting trade between the two countries.

(e) Yes.

(f) The representation is under consideration.

Films on Untouchability

*2398. **Shri B. S. Murthy** : Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1845 on the 16th September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the lives of Harijan saints and great social reformers are being considered as subjects for educative films in connection with the programme for the removal of untouchability; and

(b) if so, the amount set apart for this purpose?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). The production of one feature film