

HEAVY WATER PLANT

*1054. { **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in the building up of the heavy water plant in order to meet the forward commitments of the Atomic Energy plant;

(b) whether Government have collected any material on the working and the processes of making heavy water in other countries; and

(c) if so, whether any decision has been taken regarding the method best suited to Indian conditions?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The project reports called for from the selected technical consultants for the proposed fertiliser-cum-heavy-water plant at Nangal are awaited.

(b) Yes.

(c) A final decision will be made after a study of the project reports which are to be received within six months.

FLOOD SURVEY COMMITTEE

*1055. **Ch. Raghbir Singh:** Will the **Minister of Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have formed a Committee to survey the flood affected areas in U. P. and Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether they have submitted any report?

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

(b) Does not arise.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

*1056. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the total estimated requirements of spindles during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): I presume that the question refers to Cotton Textile Industry.

The matter is under examination.

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*1058. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the **Minister of Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 846 on the 15th December, 1955 and state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred so far on the Photo Litho Press in Delhi; and

(b) when the installation of new machinery for this press will be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 14].

(b) The installation of new machinery is expected to be completed by the end of the year 1956.

AID TO DISPLACED PERSONS

*1060. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any cloth was given to the Hindu refugees in Pakistan as a gift;

(b) the agency through which it had been given; and

(c) whether the gift was voluntary or otherwise?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). Our Deputy High Commissioner in Lahore recently received a voluntary gift of cloth worth Rs. 1,000 from the Calcutta Marwari Relief Society, for distribution as relief among the non-Muslim inmates of the D.A.V. College Camp at Lahore, who have for some time been awaiting evacuation to India. The distribution was made by the Deputy High Commissioner's wife in the presence of a representative of the Society.