

they used to be. But we have, at the same time, warned the industry that if within a reasonable time sufficient number of cheap sets are not forthcoming, we might ourselves have to look into the matter.

Shrimati A. Kale : The Minister has said that the Radio Month was very successful. May I request him to have, therefore, a Radio Week once in every three months, so that there may not be any very heavy expenditure ?

Dr. Lanka Sundaram : Is it a fact that two years ago the Research Division of the A. I. R. assembled a model set costing Rs. 80 and, if so, what has happened to the same for purposes of mass production ?

Dr. Keskar : The Division did assemble a set which would cost, I would not say exactly Rs. 80, but round about that sum. To go into large-scale production on it was a difficult question for us. We did ask the industry to take up that question. There is a set possibly available for a little above Rs. 100. But it is only a one-wave set or a medium wave set, and a two wave set is not even now possible. At least the industry is not able to furnish us such a set.

Dr. Lanka Sundaram : Is it a fact that the A. I. R. Research Division appeared before one of the Statutory Committees and demonstrated this set and pleaded for funds for its manufacture on a mass scale ?

Dr. Keskar : A. I. R. did not plead for mass manufacture, but we did want that such a set should be manufactured. As I said in answer to a previous question, we are not yet persuaded that the time has come for us to intervene in order to produce cheap sets as there are other problems which are taking up much of our time. If we do not find cheap sets coming into the market soon we might have to think of the question.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether any regional sample survey was conducted for these programmes and, if so, what is the result ?

Dr. Keskar : Regional sample survey is conducted ordinarily at all stations not only regarding this programme but the general categories of programmes. About this also it has been conducted, and, as I said, after the last Radio Month, it was found that it was a very successful one.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : अभी माननीय मंत्री ने कहा था कि इस बात का यत्न वे कर रहे हैं कि सस्ते से सस्ते रेडियो सेट जल्दी से जल्दी इस देश में मिलने लगें, तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह कब तक आशा की जानी चाहिए कि इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार कोई न कोई निर्णय कर लेगी और बड़ी तादाद में सस्ते रेडियो सेट यहां पर कब तक मिलना सम्भव हो सकेगा ?

डा० केशकर : चूंकि रेडियो सेट प्राइवेट इंडस्ट्री बनाती है, इसलिए कब तक मिलेंगे, यह तो मैं नहीं कह सकता लेकिन हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि एक, आध साल हम और इसका इन्तज़ार करेंगे और देखेंगे कि सेट्स की कीमत कितनी नीचे उतरती है, कुछ तो उतर भी गई है और हो सकता है कि अभी और भी उतरे और जितनी हम कम कीमत चाहते हैं उतनी कम कीमत तक अगर वे न उतरे तब हम इस मामले में आगे बढ़ेंगे ।

LOW-INCOME GROUP HOUSING SCHEME

***739. Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Works Housing and Supply be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing ;

(a) the State-wise allocations of loans during 1954-55 and 1955-56 under the Low-Income Group Housing Scheme ; and

(b) the amounts actually disbursed to the State Governments State-wise ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar) : (a) and (b). A Statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 35.] Allocations of loans under the Scheme were started only from February 1955 and were made for the period of the First Plan.

Shri Gidwani : From the statement, I find that out of a sum of Rs. 2,153.2

lakhs allocated, only a sum of Rs. 93.63 lakhs has been actually disbursed. May I know whether Government have made enquiries from State Governments as to why more amount has not been utilised?

Shri P. S. Naskar : Probably some of the State Governments could not create public interest or enthusiasm, or the public are not coming forward to make use of this scheme.

Shri Gidwani : I understand that some States like Assam, Kutch and Orissa have not spent any amount, and even a progressive State like Bombay (Shri U. M. Trivedi : Why call it progressive?) has not spent even 20 per cent; though there is an acute housing shortage they have not utilised even 20 per cent. May I know whether Government will modify the conditions so that they may utilise the amounts?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh) : We have examined that point. No modification is necessary. And I would request the hon. Member to create enough enthusiasm among the people of Bombay to make use of these loans.

Mr. Speaker : Regarding questions in respect of which the Members were absent, I propose to give them now an opportunity to put only one or two supplementary questions, so that they may be here in time.

Shri Kamath : As a penalty.

नार्वे सरकार का प्रधान मंत्री को निमंत्रण

*७४६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नार्वे सरकार ने उनको आमन्त्रित किया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने उस निमंत्रण को स्वीकार करने में अपनी असमर्थता प्रगट की है ?

बेदेशिक-कार्य उपमंत्री (श्री अनिल के. चन्दा) प्रधान मंत्री को (नार्वे सहित) संसार के

कई हिस्सों के देशों से सद्भावना यात्रा करने के लिए निमंत्रण मिले हैं। उन्होंने इन निमंत्रणों के लिए आभार प्रकट किया है और कहा है कि वे इन देशों में जाने के अवसरों का स्वागत करते हैं, लेकिन निकट भविष्य में समय न मिलने की वजह से उनका वहां जाना मुश्किल है। वे उम्मीद करते हैं कि बाद में वे इनमें से कुछ देशों की यात्रा कर सकेंगे।

to Norway in the near future ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda : I am afraid I cannot answer it.

Shri Kamath : Is it a fact that there is no other Prime Minister in the world who receives so many invitations, and accepts so many from foreign countries ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda : There is no other Prime Minister in the world to compare with ours.

Shri Kamath : I mean in this respect only.

Mr. Speaker : The hon. Member must be proud of that.

मशीन बनाने वाला कारखाना

* ७५१. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चेकोस्लो-वेकिया सरकार ने भारत में मशीन बनाने का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने के लिये सरकार को प्रस्ताव भेजा है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो इस मामले की स्थिति क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानुनगो) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : यदि भारत सरकार ने यहां पर उनको कारखाना खोलने