

necessity of issuing directives to the various committees in India in every district giving them powers and functions, the right of initiative to the members to make proposals and the right to the members to pass a resolution about the urgent inclusion of certain proposals in the Plan?

Shri S. N. Mishra: I can only state that so far as the general functioning of these Development Committees is concerned, there might be some grounds for dissatisfaction, but particularly in the context of the local works I can state with confidence that it has been working quite well.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

अमरीकी राष्ट्रजनों को बहुप्रवेश वाले दृष्टांक (मल्टी वीसा)

*१०६. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने अमरीकी राष्ट्रजनों की बहुप्रवेश वाले दृष्टांक दिये जाने के प्रश्न पर विचार किया है ताकि भारतीय राष्ट्रजनों को अमरीका में उसी प्रकार की सुविधायें मिल सकें; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है?

बैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्री साधत अली खां): (क) तथा (ख). नई दिल्ली के अमरीकी राजदूतावास ने भारत सरकार से दोनों देशों के नागरिकों को एक दूसरे देश द्वारा मल्टी जर्नी वीजा (बहु-यात्रा वीजा) जारी करने के लिए आपसी करार करने की कहा था। पुरे तौर पर विचार करने के बाद, भारत सरकार ने अमरीकी राजदूतावास को सूचित किया कि वह उनके साथ ऐसा करार करने के लिए तैयार नहीं है।

भारतीय चलचित्र (फिल्म) उद्योग

*११२ { श्री भागवत झा आजाद:
श्रीमती इला पाल्शीधरी:

क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूर्व जर्मनी की सरकार ने भारतीय चलचित्र उद्योग को कोई सहायता देने का सुझाव दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह किस प्रकार की है; और

(ग) क्या इस सुझाव के अन्तर्गत कच्ची फिल्म अर्थात् चित्र उतारने के काम आने वाली फिल्मों के उत्पादन के लिये कोई सुझाव है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानुनगो): (क) से (ग). भारत सरकार की प्रार्थना पर पूर्व जर्मनी की सरकार ने भारत में कच्ची फिल्मों का निर्माण चालू करने की सम्भावनाओं की खोज करने के लिये विशेषज्ञ का एक दल भेजा है। आवश्यक पर्यवेक्षण करने के बाद ये विशेषज्ञ एक प्रारम्भिक योजना रिपोर्ट उपस्थित करेंगे।

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTS

*114. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the practice in the Works, Housing and Supply Ministry to recommend private architects for works proposed by other Ministries to whom such Ministries have to pay 5—7½ per cent. of the total expense; and

(b) whether Government propose to enlarge the Architectural section of the Ministry at least to cope with the demands of the Government of India?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Architect's section has recently been expanded to meet with the increasing demand and it will further be strengthened if and when required.

SCRAP IRON

*117. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to decontrol prices of scrap iron in the near future; and

(b) the total quantity of scrap iron used by indigenous consumers during 1955-56?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) About 635,000 tons.

TEA CROP

***119. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated tea crop for the year 1955-56; and

(b) the quantity of medium and high grade tea included in this estimate?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Tea crop is estimated on a calendar year basis. During the calendar year 1955, the tea crop was about 662 million pounds.

(b) Information is not available.

TEXTILE HAND PRINTING INDUSTRY

***120. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the Textile Hand Printing Industry in India is facing keen competition from textile mills;

(b) the total number of workers and units employed in Textile Hand Printing Industry in the country at present; and

(c) the steps which Government propose to take to develop this Industry?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are about 80,000 workers and 4,872 Units in India at present.

(c) The All India Handicrafts Board propose to study the problems of the Hand Printing Industry *vis-a-vis* the large scale sector. Steps for the development of the industry will be taken on completion of the investigation.

शादी

***१२७. श्री जी० एल० चौधरी :** क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अम्बर चर्खों से काते गये सूत से बुना हुआ कपड़ा खादी समझा जायेगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस कपड़े पर भी तीन आना प्रति रुपया कमीशन दिया जायेगा ?

उत्पादन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री झार० जी० दुबे): (क) तथा (ख) ये प्रश्न विचारार्थीन हैं ।

LAHORE TRANSIT CAMP

***132. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women at present detained in the Lahore Transit Camp; and

(b) the number of women and children sent to India during this year?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) 39.

(b) 21.

INDUS WATERS DISPUTE

***133. { Shri N. M. Lingam:
Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 358 on the 7th December, 1955 and state whether any further progress has been made in the negotiations regarding the settlement of the Indus Waters dispute?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The negotiations for the preparation of a detailed engineering plan for the use of the Indus rivers are still going on through the good offices of the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development.