

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

(b) The matter is under consideration.

INDIANS IN BURMA

***231. Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any tightening up of facilities for remittances to India by Indians domiciled in Burma;

(b) whether Indians living in Burma are allowed to meet their monetary obligations in India from their earnings in Burma; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to secure these facilities for Indians?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Yes. Principally owing to the difficult foreign exchange position of the Government of Burma, that Government have tightened up remittance facilities. The procedure for the grant of such facilities have been made more elaborate and the quantum permitted is strictly controlled.

(c) Our Embassy in Burma have taken up the matter with the Government of Burma.

उत्तर प्रदेश की बाढ़-नियंत्रण योजनायें

***२३२ श्री आर० एन० सिंह:** क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने बाढ़ नियंत्रण योजनाओं के लिये प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना के अधीन अब तक कितनी धन राशि उत्तर प्रदेश के लिये नियत की है?

सिचर्ड और बिद्युत उपमंत्री (श्री हाथी): सन १९५४-५५ में ऋण के रूप में ३५ लाख रुपये दिये गये थे। १९५५-५६ के लिये ऋण दिये जाने अभी बाकी हैं।

PAPER INDUSTRY

***233. Shri Tulsidas:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed a panel on paper and pulp industry in November, 1955 to consider development of this industry on rational lines under the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, whether the panel has submitted any report to Government?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This panel has not yet commenced working.

INDO-PAKISTAN FLOOD COMMISSION

***239. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 878 on 15th December, 1955 and state whether any progress has since been made in the matter of setting up an Indo-Pakistan Flood Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): There is no proposal for setting up an Indo-Pakistan Flood Commission. The proposal is only for a co-operative approach by the two Governments in connection with the control of floods in the eastern region. It was intended to hold a meeting at Ministers' level but no such meeting has so far been held.

JUTE MILLS

***240. Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jute mills that have modernised their machinery up till now; and

(b) the extent to which this modernisation has been able to lower the cost of production and improve the quality of the products?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) About 33 mills are stated to have modernised—some of them partially—their preparatory and spinning sections.

(b) Precise information is not available because actual savings in costs