

of any specific proposals of a State for increasing its water rates.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The Minister has said that some portion of this scheme has been received by the Government and the Planning Commission. May I know whether the Minister is aware of the fact that the Sone barrage is already in existence and it has a certain capacity which is being utilised for irrigating more land than it can usually do? If so, why were the rates increased, because the water is already in very small quantity?

Shri Hathi: So far as the Irrigation and Power Ministry is concerned, the schemes come to the Planning Commission and then they are being sent to the Central Water and Power Commission for being technically examined. So far as the present project is concerned, it is proposed to replace the existing anicut, the efficiency of which is deteriorating. A project report has been received. The Irrigation and Power Ministry examined this. It has nothing to do with the enhancing of rates or anything of that kind. The Planning Commission may advise the State Governments to have certain uniform rates, but so far as this particular project is concerned, we have not yet received full details from the State Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

A.L.R. Drama Festival

***558. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reactions of the Press and the Public to the Drama Festival, organised by the Song and Drama Division of All India Radio in Delhi in May, 1956;

(b) whether Government propose to organise similar festivals, in the capital in the coming Autumn; and

(c) the number of dramas that were staged in the said festival?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) : (a) Very favourable. It has been generally welcomed.

(b) No, Sir; mainly due to want of funds.

(c) Four plays besides puppet shows.

Manufacture of Chemo-therapeutics

***559. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Russian Experts have submitted their report on the manufacture of Chemo-therapeutics for basic raw materials in the country; and

(b) if so, the salient features of this report?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is under consideration and it is not considered desirable at this stage to publish the information contained in the report.

Constitution House

***562. Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2191 on the 14th May, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the arrangements for special police watch on Constitution House day and night are still in force, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three Police constables in uniform and two in plain clothes are always on watch in Constitution House.

Fruit Industrial Centre

***566. Shri Madiah Gowda :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to start a fruit industrial centre at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what will be its initial cost?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Commercialisation of Milk Substitute

***569. Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the milk substitute from groundnut has begun to be manufactured on a commercial basis; and

(b) if so, whether it has resulted in reduction of import of condensed milk and powdered milk to any extent?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) We have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

Diesel Trucks

***570. Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diesel trucks produced/assembled in 1956 so far; and

(b) the steps which are being taken to meet the shortage of diesel vehicles to meet the requirement of the Second Five Year Plan?