

**The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

#### A. I. R. Song and Drama Division

\*600. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to expand the Song and Drama Division of All India Radio is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, how the recruitment of artists is to be made;

(c) whether Government have also considered the alternative proposal to give subsidy to recognised Dramatic Organisations; and

(d) if so, the views of Government regarding the second proposal?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Dr. Keskar):** (a) There is no such concrete proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The system followed in the Song and Drama Division is to give subsidy to recognised Dramatic Organisations not as a lump subsidy or annual grant but according to the number of performances they give, the scale for each performance having been fixed with reference to relevant consideration such as expenses etc.

#### Machine Tool Industry

\*601. { **Shri Tulsidas:**  
**Shrimati Anusayabai Borkar:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2160 on the 14th May, 1956 and state the progress made by the ten-man Committee on Machine Tool Industry?

**The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah):** It is understood that the report of the Committee has been finalised and will be available to Government shortly.

#### Vamsadhara Project

\*602. { **Dr. Rama Rao:**  
**Shri Mohana Rao:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report of the agreement reached by the Andhra and Orissa Governments regarding the Vamsadhara Project;

(b) whether the Centre Government have approved it;

(c) when Government propose to give financial assistance to Andhra for this specific project; and

(d) the total estimated expenditure to complete this project?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

(c) A provision of Rs. 1 crore (without 5 per cent cut) has been made in the Second Five Year Plan of Andhra in respect of this Project.

(d) Rs. 12.56 crores.

#### Flood Control Schemes in Assam

\*603. **Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any major flood-control scheme has been sanctioned for Assam during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, details of the work included in the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No major scheme, i.e., scheme costing Rs. 10 lakhs or more, has been sanctioned for Assam during 1956-57.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Rourkela Steel Plant

\*604. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chief Medical Officer for the Rourkela Project has been appointed;

(b) if so, the name and qualifications of the person so appointed; and

(c) the *modus operandi* of selection?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) No officer designated as "Chief Medical Officer" as such has been appointed. But an officer has been appointed to organise the medical facilities at Rourkela.

(b) Dr. E. K. K. Pillai, B. A. (Madras), M.B.B.S. (Madras), Formerly Major in the I.M.S.

(c) The name was obtained from the Ministry of Defence and was also approved by the Director General of Health Services. The appointment was made by the Board of Directors of the Hindustan Steel Private Ltd.

#### Closure of Cashewnut Factories

\*605. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of the Cashewnut Factories in Travancore-Cochin State have notified that they are closing down shortly;