

Darbhanga, Saran, Sarsia, Bhagalpur and Arrah. The one mentioned by my hon. friend does not find a place here. I shall make enquiries.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Heavy Electrical Equipment

\*133. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the progress made with regard to the project for the manufacture of heavy electrical equipment in India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (**Shri R. G. Dubey**) : Progress has been made in the preparatory work for the establishment of the factory in respect of land acquisition, preliminary civil works, recruitment of personnel, water and power supply etc., A delegation has gone to the U.K., and selected items and designs for manufacture; and the training report has also been received from the consultants. The detailed project report is due in November 1956.

### Manufacture of Raw Films

\*144. **Shri Nambiar** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2043 on the 9th May, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the East German Experts have submitted their preliminary report on the setting up of a unit for the manufacture of raw films in the country; and

(b) if so, broad features of the report?

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

(b) It is only a preliminary report and the details are awaited.

### Lancashire Cloth

\*145. **Sardar Iqbal Singh** : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of Lancashire cloth in India during 1955-56 has risen considerably as compared with the year 1954-55; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari**) : (a) The import of cloth in India from U.K. during 1955-56

was 6.9 million yards. In 1954-55 it was 2.6 million yards.

(b) It is difficult to assign precise reasons for the increase. In part it might be due to the reduction in import duty made last year and in part the increase in internal demand for new varieties of cloth.

### Inter-State River Water Disputes

\*146. **Shri Jethalal Joshi** : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any Inter-State River Water Disputes in the year 1955-56; and

(b) if so, how they have been settled?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (**Shri Hathl**) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Flood Control Works

\*148. **Shri Rishang Keishing** : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) the flood control works which have been undertaken by the Government of India jointly with the State Government of Assam or singly in the year 1955-56 along the Brahmaputra River in order to prevent recurrence of flood in different parts of Assam;

(b) the places where the flood control works have been undertaken;

(c) the amount expended by the Government of India for the flood control works; and

(d) how far the recurrence and devastation on account of flood in the Brahmaputra have been checked?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (**Shri Hathl**) : (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 47.]

### Mahi Project

\*149. **Shri Bheekha Bhai** : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahi Project has been sent by the State Government for being included in the first year of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when the work will begin?

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