

cloth and yarn necessary for consumption in the year 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (d). Statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 56.]

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON PRESSES

121. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether the Expert Committee appointed by the Government of India to enquire into the re-organization of Government presses has submitted its report?

(b) If so, what are the chief recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Buragohain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Ministry of Works, Production and Supply Resolution No. S&P-781(14)/51, dated the 8th May 1952 published in Part I Section 1 of the Gazette of India dated the 17th May 1952.

HIRAKUD DAM PROJECT

122. Dr. Natabar Pandey: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred till the 31st December, 1951, in connection with the Hirakud Dam Project; and

(b) out of the amount referred to in part (a) above, what amount has been spent on:

(i) the construction of buildings;

(ii) construction of the combined rail road bridge across the Mahanadi and its approaches;

(iii) construction of the roads and the railway sidings;

(iv) the erection of workshops and power houses;

(v) digging of canals; and

(vi) establishment charges?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) Rs. 11.68 crores approximately.

(b) (i) Rs. 91.67 lakhs excluding expenditure on workshops and power house.

(ii) Rs. 59.42 lakhs. This amount is not included in the figures mentioned at (a) above as the amount is debtable partly to the National Highway

No. 6 and partly to the Hirakud Dam Project. The question of apportionment of the expenditure between Hirakud Project and National Highway No. 6 is still under consideration.

(iii) Rs. 32.11 lakhs.

(iv) Rs. 17.00 lakhs.

(v) Rs. 60.66 lakhs.

(vi) Rs. 83.91 lakhs.

COAL TO PAKISTAN

123. Shri K. C. Sodhia: (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state how much coal was supplied to Pakistan during 1951-52?

(b) Was the supply made on barter basis or in cash?

(c) If on barter basis, what commodities were accepted in exchange and how much of each has been received?

(d) Have the accounts been cleared?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) 11,81,228 tons (during the period 1st April 1951 to 31st March 1952).

(b) Supply was made on a cash basis.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) Yes. We have received full payment.

PROJECTS AT CHHIPLIMA

124. Dr. Natabar Pandey: Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state:

(a) the total extent of land acquired so far in connection with the subsidiary dam and power channel and allied projects at Chhiplima and the neighbouring villages under the Hirakud Dam Project; and

(b) whether after the total or partial abandonment of the subsidiary dam and power channel, Government have decided to return the land acquired?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) 3,854 acres.

(b) As the work on the Subsidiary Dam and Power Channel has only been postponed to a period beyond 1955-56, the question of surrendering the land already acquired does not arise at present.

TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP

125. Shri Gurupadaswamy: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state which are the countries with which India has concluded treaties of friendship?