

(d) What are the number and valuation of vehicles imported from the U. K. in 1951 and 1952 and for what States?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Caramkar): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 49]

(c) Government have no information.

(d) Presuming that the reference is to motor vehicles, a statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 50.]

PLY-WOOD FOR TEA-CHESTS

353. Shri Bell Ram Das: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what quantity of ply-wood was imported into India in the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 up-to-date for tea-chests?

(b) What percentage of the imported ply-wood was used in Assam for tea-chests?

(c) Is it under the contemplation of Government to start a ply-wood factory in Assam?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a)—

Year	Quantity (No. of sets)	Value (Rs)
1948-50	Not recorded	1,30,19,830
1950-51	Not recorded	50,94,050
1951-52	2,582,062	1,42,80,470
Five months		
April to August, 1952	431,017	27,80,312

(b) Government have no information.

(c) No, Sir.

AMERICAN ENGINEER ENGAGED ON BHAKRA-NANGAL PROJECT

354. Shri K. Subramanyam: (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the American engineering expert, engaged on the Bhakra-Nangal Project, has resigned?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for the same?

(c) Have Government paid any compensation to him in lieu of the uncompleted term of the contract?

(d) Is it proposed to replace him by another foreign expert?

(e) Is the work on the project adversely affected by his resignation?

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

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES IN HIRAKUD (EXPENSES)

355. Shri P. Subba Rao: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the per capita expenditure on anti-malarial measures in Hirakud and Burla is Rs. 4/- per annum?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): Expenditure on anti-malarial measures depends more on the area of pools and stagnant water treated than on population. On population basis, the expenditure on the Hirakud Dam Project works out to about Rs. 3/- per head per annum.

ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES IN HIRAKUD

356. Shri P. Subba Rao: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what anti-malarial measures are being taken by the Anti-malarial Officer in the Hirakud Project areas; and

(b) the total amount spent per annum by the anti-malarial office on account of (i) pay of staff; (ii) medicines, and (iii) other anti-malarial measures?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) (i) Anti-malarial measures in the form of survey and anti-larval and anti-adult control by means of spraying DDT and oiling the various water collections in Hirakud, Burla, Chipia and Baragarh colonies of the Hirakud Dam Project are being conducted by the Anti-malaria Officer.

(ii) Prophylactic measures. distribution of Paudrine is adopted in small isolated and distant places where the anti-adult and anti-larval measures are not undertaken.

(b) During 1951-52.—

(i) Pay of staff: Rs. 20,885.

(ii) Medicines: Rs. 26,218.

(iii) Other anti-malarial measures such as work-charged establishment: Rs. 32,306.

QUIT NOTICES ON VILLAGES IN HIRAKUD PROJECT AREA

357. Shri B. N. S. Deo: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in February, 1952, notices were issued

to thirty-eight villages in the Hirakud Project area to quit their lands and houses before the next rainy season; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the case of most villages in respect of which such notices were issued, no compensation had been assessed and fixed?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b) Precise information has been asked for from the Orissa Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

AGAR-AGAR FACTORIES

358. Shri Sengupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Agar-agar factories in India;

(b) if so, their number;

(c) whether any plant was ever installed at Rayagada (Orissa) to manufacture Agar-agar; and

(d) if so, what happened to that plant?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (d). There is only one factory in India, namely, M/s. Jeypore Sugar Co. at Rayagada in Orissa, producing Agar-agar. The factory is closed at present for want of power and expects to resume production this month.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT

359. Shri K. C. Sodhia: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the annual budget of one Community Project area under (i) a village unit, (ii) a mandal unit, and (iii) a development block?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (i) Rs. 5,832/- (Average).

(ii) Rs. 75,789/- (Average).

(iii) Rs. 7,22,300/- (Average).

EXPORT AND IMPORT OF FILMS

360. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Indian films have been exported during the period from January 1950 to October, 1952 and their number; and

(b) the countries from which films have been imported into India?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmakar): (a) Information required is not available as cinematograph films are not separately specified in the foreign export trade returns of India.

(b) Imports are mainly from the United Kingdom, Belgium, Canada and the United States of America.

MATCH FACTORIES IN HYDERABAD

361. Shri H. G. Valabhay: (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many match factories there are in Hyderabad State?

(b) At what places are they situated and whether all of them are working?

(c) What is their productive capacity?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Twelve, so far as our information goes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 51.]

(c) About 9,000 cases of 50 gross boxes of 80 sticks each per annum.

AMERICAN EXPERTS EMPLOYED ON BHAKRA DAM

362. Shri Funnaroo: (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state what is the total number of American Experts so far employed on Bhakra Dam separately for construction and designs and how many more are required to be employed every year till completion?

(b) what is the total number of American experts required till completion of Bhakra Dam?

(c) What is the maximum and minimum pay of the present American incumbents, both inclusive and exclusive of Indian Income Tax?

(d) What is the total annual expenditure on the pay and allowances of these experts, separately, inclusive and exclusive of Indian Income Tax?

(e) What is the budgeted expenditure on their travel from U.S.A. to India and back including their families and personal effects?

(f) What is and will be the expenditure on their other facilities on the project such as rent free accommodation, and conveyance, etc.?

(g) What additional facilities other than those provided in the agreement have been given to them and at what cost to Government?

(h) What was the number of American Experts originally anticipated to be employed originally and the number now anticipated?