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(b) Excluding Scheduled Banks, whose figures are not yet available, the total amount of expenditure on the printing of forms etc. has been of the order of Rs. 11.47 lakhs.

(c) Apart from the expenditure of the Deposit Offices who have to be re-imbursed of their actual cost on a no-profit, no-loss basis, no additional administrative expenditure has been incurred by Government on the working of these Schemes. Complete information of the costs of the various Deposit Offices is not yet available.

Ballemela Project

267. { Shri Chattar Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some negotiations were being carried on with the Soviet Union for the supply of equipment for the Ballemela project;

(b) if so, whether they were done through the State Government or any private company has been entrusted with the task of negotiation with the Soviet Government; and

(c) what is the progress so far made in regard to the Ballemela Project?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary negotiations with the USSR authorities are being conducted by the Orissa Government in consultation with the Central Government.

(c) Preliminary works are in progress. Construction machinery worth Rs. 3:00 crores is being arranged from the USSR under the Trade Agreement. Specifications for the generating plant and equipment have been prepared.

School Dental Clinics

268. { Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government are considering to open school dental clinics in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for opening such clinics;

(c) how far they will be helpful in regard to adequate dental attention; and

(d) the cost for setting up each clinic?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). The opening of school dental clinics is desirable as the incidence of dental diseases in children is very high. The detection of such diseases in the early stages would enable preventive as well as curative measures. The proposals have to be formulated and implemented by the State Governments.

(d) The estimated cost of a dental clinic is about Rs. 14,000 recurring and Rs. 20,000 non-recurring.

Detention of Japanese T.V. Team by Customs Authorities

269. Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three members of a Japanese T.V. and film team were held up along with their baggage by the Customs Authorities on the 26th September, 1963; and

(b) if so, the reasons for their detention?