

BORDER INCIDENT

822. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Indian nationals were shot dead by the Pakistani border police on the 24th March, 1955 near Wagah (Punjab); and

(b) the number of such incidents from January, 1955 to March, 1955?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) No, Sir. On the 25th March, 1955, the Pakistan Border Police shot and killed a Pakistani smuggler near the Khem Karan barrier on the Lahore-Amritsar border.

(b) Three Indian nationals, reported to be involved in smuggling activities on the border, were killed in Pakistani territory by the Pakistan Border Police from January to March, 1955.

INDUS BASIN WORKING PARTY

823. Shri K. C. Sodhia: Will the **Minister of Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the total duration for which the Indian Delegation for the Indus Basin Working Party stayed at Washington last time;

(b) the strength of the delegation and the total expenditure incurred on it; and

(c) the reason for their prolonged stay?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) About ten months.

(b) The delegation consisted of eleven persons and the expenditure incurred is about Rs. 4,50,000.

(c) The period of stay was necessary for discussions under auspices of the World Bank.

COMMUNITY RADIO SETS

824. Shrimati Maydeo: Will the **Minister of Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state the average expenditure incurred by Government as their share per community radio set installed in the various States in the last three years (Statewise)?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The scheme for sharing the cost of radio sets on the basis of a 50 per cent. subsidy was brought into force only from the year 1954-55. The subsidy as shown against each of the following States was placed at their disposal for 1954-55:—

Name of the State	Amount of the subsidy
1. Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 1,50,000/-
2. Assam.	Rs. 15,000/-
3. Saurashtra.	Rs. 15,000/-
4. Himachal Pradesh.	Rs. 7,500/-
5. Travancore-Cochin.	Rs. 7,500/-
6. Bhopal.	Rs. 6,000/-
7. Vindhya Pradesh.	Rs. 3,000/-

Nine sets costing Rs. 2,597 were installed in the Delhi State in 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 during the management of rural broadcasting for that State by the Government of India.

THE TRIBALS

825. Shri Deogam: Will the **Minister of Planning** be pleased to refer to para. 23 of Chapter 37 of the Five Year Plan and state:

(a) whether the Tribals are being helped to exploit commercially the clay, stone and plant life of the forests as stipulated therein; and

(b) if so, the names of the States where this is being done?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Full particulars are not available. They are being collected and will be furnished to the House in due course.