

supply of 60,000 metric tons of structural steelwork for the Bhilai Iron and Steel Works. The first consignment is expected to arrive in India this year and the entire supply completed by the middle of June, 1959.

PRAYER MEETINGS OF MAHATMA
GANDHI

2160. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) how many recordings of the prayer meetings of the Father of the Nation have been collected and maintained by the A.I.R.;

(b) to which periods they relate; and

(c) what steps have been taken to keep them free from corrosion and deterioration due to atmospheric conditions?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) 237.

(b) May, 1947 to 29th January, 1948.

(c) The original records which are made on aluminium based cellulose-acetate coated discs have been carefully wrapped in dust-proof paper and are stored in steel almirahs in an air-conditioned room. These records were also transferred to tape and processed and steps have been taken to acquire and preserve the matrices of the records so processed—the matrices being of metal and of a permanent character.

BOKARO COLLIERY

2161. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in profits of the Bokaro Colliery recently; and

(b) if so, what were the incomes in 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes.

(b) The profit during these years was as under:

1950-51.	Rs. 65,35,969/-
1951-52.	Rs. 99,15,726/-
1952-53.	Rs. 1,09,64,737/-
1953-54.	Rs. 1,07,57,058/-
1954-55.	Rs. 81,83,182/-

MICA EXPORTS

2162. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints from foreign concerns against Indian Shippers of Mica have been received during 1954 and 1955; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the complaints?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Broadly speaking the grounds for complaints have been:—

(1) that the supply of mica made was not according to the samples furnished;

(2) that the supply of mica made was not according to the specifications given;

(3) that the supply of mica made was short of the quantity stated to have been supplied; and

(4) non-fulfilment of the contract to supply the agreed quantity of mica.

RURAL BROADCASTING

2163. Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duration of rural broadcasting programme has been extended in Trichy A. I. R. Station; and

(b) if so, the time extended?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been extended from forty-five minutes to one hour.