

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

STUDY TOUR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1185. Shri H. G. Vaishnav: Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Party of Indian Officials is at present on tour of foreign countries to study the Community Development Programmes ;

(b) if so, the number of the officials and the names of the countries selected for their tour ; and

(c) the total expenditure that may be incurred on this tour ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) The party returned on 30-3-1956.

(b) A party of Five Indian Officials went on tour to study the Community Project Programme in Sweden, Denmark, United Kingdom, Holland, Norway and Israel.

(c) Rs. 46,400. (Estimated).

BHAKRA NANGAL CONTROL BOARD

1186. Shri G. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meetings of Bhakra Nangal Board were held during February and March 1956 ;

(b) if so, who were invited to attend the above meetings and the names of places where meetings were held ; and

(c) whether construction work of Nangal Dam is progressing according to schedule ?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): (a) Yes, the Board met twice.

(b) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 15].

(c) The Nangal Dam was completed in July, 1954.

Ghani

1187. Shri Deogam: Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to popularise Wardha or Magnawadi *Ghani* in villages ;

(b) the addresses of the manufacturers and the price ; and

(c) whether Railway concession in freight charge is given to the villagers for transporting the *Ghani* from the place of its manufacture ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Model demonstration-cum-production centres for demonstrating the use of Wardha *ghanis* are being set up. Financial assistance for the installation of these improved *ghanis* is given through recognised Societies on the basis of 50% grant and 50% loan. Exhibitions are organised and other means of publicity are also adopted for popularising these *ghanis*.

(b) The address of manufacturers and prices of *ghani* are given in the statement attached. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 16.]

(c) No.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES

1188. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to state :

(a) whether financial aid was given by Government directly to any Co-operative Housing Societies during 1955-56 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) The Central Government does not give direct financial aid to Co-operative Housing Societies.

(b) Does not arise.

Ghani Oil.

1189. Shri Deogam: Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to popularise the improved type of **Bullock-drawn *ghanis*** :