

Radio Play Competitions

973. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reward was given to students who participated in Radio play competitions (writing of Radio plays) in Hindi and other regional languages in 1956-57; and

(b) the number of plays approved?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thirty-seven.

Evacuee Property

976. **Shri Vishwanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ali Oil Mills, in Srikakulam district in Andhra has been declared an evacuee property;

(b) whether it was in working condition at the time of taking over and what is its present condition;

(c) the attempts made to dispose of this property;

(d) whether a co-operative society for the betterment of Burma Evacuees has made an offer; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Closure of Labour Forwarding Stations

976. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the labour forwarding stations of the Tea Districts Labour Association in Orissa have been closed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) Reduced demand for outside labour in Assam tea gardens and consequent decline in recruitment.

Jute Mill Workers

977. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the jute mill workers recently retrenched from mills in West Bengal have been given alternative employment;

(b) how many have been dismissed with only retrenchment compensation; and

(c) whether these are all women workers?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) According to the State Government, the number of workers provided with alternative employment is 5,180. This number does not include workmen who might have been affected by the closure of Kamarhatti jute mills on the 8th July, 1957.

(b) 2,051. In addition, 1,800 workmen have claimed retrenchment compensation.

(c) Separate figures for men and women workers are not available but figure 2051 mentioned at (b) includes 300 women workers of one jute mill.

Khadi

978. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Khadi produced during the year 1956-57;

(b) how much of it was purchased by the Central Government;

(c) the quantity that was exported; and

(d) what was the amount of subsidy paid?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) 38,154,157 yards of the value of Rs. 7,25,95,645.

(b) 2,869,707 yards 810, 223 Nos. of the value of Rs. 69 lakhs.

(c) Separate statistics of the export of Khadi cloth are not maintained.

(d) Rs. 49,78,741.

Indians in U.K.

979. Shri M. B. Thakore: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the total number of Indian nationals residing in the United Kingdom?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The latest figures of Indian nationals residing in the United Kingdom are not available. The Indian High Commission in London has been asked to send the information which, when received, will be placed on the table of the House.

A. I. R., Cuttack

980. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provision has been made in the programme of the All India Radio, Cuttack for broadcasting tribal dramas and stories in the original language;

(b) whether the Programme Advisory Committee has been reconstituted;

(c) if so, who are the non-official members;

(d) whether any Adivasi member is represented on this Committee; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Cuttack radio has been broadcasting feature programmes relating to the

life, music and culture of the Adivasis of Orissa. The present weak transmitter of 1 kilowatt is not easily heard in the predominantly tribal districts. Regular language programmes will be included when the 20 kilowatt transmitter goes into operation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) 1. Shri Kali Charan Patnaik
2. Dr. P. Parija
3. Shri Lakshminarayan Sahu
4. Prof. A. M. Mohanty
5. Shri Krishna Prasad Bose
6. Shrimati Latika Ray
7. Shrimati Nirmala Nayak
8. Shri Lokanath Patnaik
9. Shri Samuel Das

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Members of Programme Advisory Committees are not nominated community-wise. They are selected from amongst persons who are considered eminent in various walks of life, more especially those connected with cultural activities, and who are known to be interested in broadcasting and are considered capable of making useful suggestions for the improvement of various types of programmes broadcast by the Stations.

शक्ति-चालित करघों का लगाया जाना

६८१. श्री राम शंकर लाल : क्या बाण्डिख्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री उत्तर प्रदेश में शक्ति-चालित करघों (Power looms) के लगाने का जो योजना मंजूर की गई है उसका ब्यौरा बताने की कृपा करेंगे ?

बाण्डिख्य और उद्योग उम्मन्त्री (श्री सतीश चन्द्र) : एक विवरण पटल पर रखा जाता है ।
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Local Development Centres

982. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the number of local development works approved during the