

the decision on the setting up of this plant, especially when it has been said in the Report of the Department of Atomic Energy that it will be set up very soon?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** We are exploring the possibilities of producing this thing, and as you know exploration always holds up things.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Office Accommodation in Simla

\*1828. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**  
**Shri Chuni Lal:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether large accommodation would be available in Simla when the Punjab Government Offices are shifted to Chandigarh from there;

(b) if so, whether the Punjab Government have requested the Government of India to utilise that accommodation; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) It is expected that about 1.25 lakhs sq. feet of office accommodation would be released by the Punjab Government in Simla when its offices move to Chandigarh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has already been taken up for consideration by the Government of India. The accommodation will fall vacant only when the Punjab Government offices actually move to Chandigarh and this move, it is understood, will take place by the end of this year. By that time, efforts would be made by the Government of India to utilise this surplus accommodation.

##### All India Radio

\*1831. **Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:** Will the Minister of Information and

Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any principles guiding the selection of Hindi script writers and talkers for the All India Radio; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). Talkers and writers are generally selected keeping in view their competence in presenting a particular subject and ability to formulate it in a sufficiently attractive language. This applies to Hindi as well as other languages.

##### Replanting Funds for Coffee and Rubber

\*1834. **Shrimati Ila Palchaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of creating Replanting Funds for Coffee and Rubber is still under the consideration of the Government of India; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This will take some more time.

##### Rehabilitation Grants

\*1838. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been paid rehabilitation grants;

(b) what is amount of grant so far paid and in what form; and

(c) whether the persons found entitled to such grants have been allowed to bid at auctions by virtue of their being entitled to such grants?

**The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar):** (a) Upto 28th February, 1958, 2,69,479 persons have