

**Radio Telescope**

1244. **Dr. P. Srinivasan:**  
**Shri Paramasivan:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavalya:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a radio telescope in India; and

(b) if so, the location, date and expenditure involved with other details?

The Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) Yes.

(b) It is proposed to install a radio telescope at the Astrophysical Observatory at Kodaikanal by the end of 1967. The estimated cost of the radio telescope will be about Rs. 1,15,000.

**Cost of Wood in India**

1246. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swedish experts connected with the logging training project at Dehra Dun have expressed that the high cost of wood in India is because of poor logging techniques;

(b) if so, the suggestions made by them to improve the techniques of logging; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to send a team of experts to Sweden for training and experiments?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of **Food, Agriculture, Community**

**Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde):** (a) The Swedish experts connected with the logging training project at Dehra Dun have expressed the view that poor logging techniques are one of the factors which contribute to the high cost of wood in India.

(b) The following measures have been suggested:—

(i) Improvement in logging planning and efficiency studies.

(ii) Improvement in logging planning i.e. felling and cross-cutting of trees.

(iii) Tractor and truck hauling.

(iv) Portable saw-milling.

(v) Aerial transport of timber in the hilly terrains where practicable.

(c) There is no separate proposal to send a team of experts to Sweden. However, under the project "Logging Training Centres" provision exists for fellowships in foreign countries totalling 48 man-months.

**ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन**

1247. श्री किशन पटनायक :  
 श्री राम मनोहर लोहिया :  
 श्री मधु लिमये :  
 श्री बागड़ी :

क्या बिधि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन को वित्तीय कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है तथा इसके नियंत्रण में चल रहे उद्योगों के शेयरों का भाव बाजार में गिर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस निषम में जी सरकारों धन लगा है उसे सुरक्षित रखने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?