

### Setting up of Transmitters

1425-NN. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply, given to Starred Question No. 371 on the 11th August, 1961 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in completing arrangements for the setting up of 57 transmitters; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b). *Selection of sites.*—Arrangements for the setting up of 56 transmitters (instead of 57) are in progress. New sites are required for 36 projects. Thirty sites have been finalised. Possession has been taken in 21 cases. Surveys for the rest are in progress.

*Building construction.*—New construction is required at 25 centres. Work is in progress at 17 of them. Arrangements are being made to take up work at other places.

*Equipment.*—The main transmitter and masts for about 37 projects are already available with All India Radio. Indents have been placed for procurement of the rest of the equipment.

### Amphibious Cycle

1425-00. Shri Sonavane: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an industrialist of Amritsar has invented a cycle which can ply on water as well as on road;

(b) if so, whether the Invention Promotion Board has been satisfied to subsidise the invention to be of commercial use; and

(c) the details of the invention with approximate cost of each cycle?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The inventor claims that the cycle can ply on smooth streams or ponds or lakes.

(b) The Inventions Promotion Board has not taken any decision so far in the matter.

(c) The "Water-Cycle" consists of two hollow tubes parallel to each other, six feet in length which will displace at least 2½ maunds of water, thus enabling the cycle to float. There are no wheels as are in the ordinary cycle. There is a propeller with at least 6" blades which will rotate on pedalling very fast pushing the water cycle at a reasonable speed. There are other usual parts found in ordinary cycles such as pedals, chain etc. There is a turning shaft which will be half below the water level and enable the man to turn the cycle either to right or left. The cost of the water cycle according to the inventor is Rs. 150 per machine.

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### OBITUARY REFERENCE

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri Kanayalal Nanabhai Desai who passed away this morning at 7.00 A.M. at Surat, at the age of 75.

Shri Desai was a Member of the First Lok Sabha from Surat Constituency of Bombay during the years 1952 to 1957. He was also a Member of the Constituent Assembly of India and the Provisional Parliament during the years 1946—1952.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure that the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

May I now request the House to stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow?

The Members then stood in silence for a minute.