

been profitably used by the hand-looms?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is not a large stock. In fact, a large stock has been utilised. It is a small stock which will be made use of.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is it a fact that a large quantity of yarn is lying unused because the weavers do not like the Ambar Charkha yarn?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No, Sir. The balance of yarn is in the process of transfer to stores, goods and stocks.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that the Ambar Charkha yarn is almost as good as the mill yarn and the weight is as good as the mill yarn?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is in some ways better.

MIGRATION OF HINDUS FROM PAKISTAN

*176. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: (ON BEHALF OF SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of Hindus who migrated from Pakistan after the Dacca Conference where Pakistan's representatives had reiterated their determination to safeguard the rights of minorities fully and effectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): 1,62,202 Hindus migrated to India from East Pakistan from 16th May 1956 to 30th April 1957.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware as to what has happened to these people who have come?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a matter for the Rehabilitation Ministry.

BROADCASTING CENTRE FOR RANCHI

*181. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new broadcasting centre at Ranchi;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 4.8 lakhs.

(c) An interim set-up with one studio and a low power transmitter is expected to go into operation some time in July. Permanent arrangements are expected to be completed by about June 1958.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The transmitter work was taken up last year and the broadcasting was to be given this year. Is it not?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: No, Sir. No such definite date had ever been given.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It is stated in the annual report that the transmitter work is going on with regard to Ranchi and the broadcasting station will be given this year.

DR. B. V. KESKAR: It is being given this year.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if any advisory board will be attached to this particular centre with a view to ensuring that this centre also does not become a Congress propaganda machine.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order. Question hour is over.