

removed ultimately by widespread growth of production and one has to lay a certain emphasis, let us say, on the production apparatus first. When we produce, we create the conditions for removing those regional disparities at the same time, "the so-called master plan is the second Five Year Plan; all these are part of the second, third or fourth Five Year Plans. I should like the House to consider these matters in an integrated way, and not in an isolated way.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: The hon. Prime Minister stated that this consideration has always been before the Government. May I know what steps have been taken in that direction since the year 1951, when the first Five Year Plan was published?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think you can answer it now.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Nor can I tomorrow.

*303 and *304. [For answers, vide cols. 3007-08 infra.]

JAPAN'S OFFER TO ASSIST IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FERTILIZERS

♦305. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered to assist India with plant and know-how in the manufacture of fertilizers in India;

(b) if so, whether the offer has been accepted; and

(c) what are the particulars of the offer?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) No plant has been offered by Japan "or manufacturing fertilisers; the question of offering 'know-how'

does not arise, as we are already producing large quantities.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SURVEY REPORT OF TAPTI IRRIGATION PROJECT AT HATNUR

»306. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any survey report for the Tapti Irrigation Project at Hatnur; and

(b) if so, what are the possibilities of the scheme being finalised and when it is likely to be finalised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Is not a survey going on now?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: We have very inadequate information on that point. One proforma was received in the Commission which said that a storage site was discovered at Hatnur, below the confluence of the Tapti and Purna rivers. However, as the country is a very gently sloping plane, even a small storage would submerge a town and part of the land there.

INDIANS EMPLOYED IN PAKISTAN

*307. SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of Indian nationals employed and working in Pakistan at present?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): Exact information is not available, as it is not compulsory for such Indian nationals to register with our Missions in Pakistan. According to available information, there are 98 such persons in West Pakistan. Information regarding East Pakistan is not available.

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