

CONSTRUCTION OF AIR BASES AROUND MARMAGOA

*397. SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether it is a fact that air-bases are being constructed around Marmagaoa?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): According to reports, while the Portuguese have constructed aerodromes in Marmagaoa (Goa), Daman and Diu, there is no indication that these are being turned into air bases.

CENTRAL AID FOR THE REMODELLING OF KURNOOL-CUDDAPAH CANAL

*398. SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount granted by Government to the Government of Andhra for remodelling the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal; and

(b) the amount drawn so far by the Andhra Government from this grant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) In connection with their scheme for effecting permanent improvements to the scarcity areas the Government of India have earmarked a sum of Rs. 5 crores for financing seventeen medium irrigation schemes of the Andhra State during the First Plan period. The scheme for the remodelling of the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal is one of them.

(b) Loans to the extent of Rs. 74 lakhs (Rs. 4 lakhs during 1953-54 and Rs. 70 lakhs during 1954-55) have been given to the Andhra Government so far for financing these seventeen schemes.

BRITISH WEST INDIES TRADE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO INDIA

*399. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Trade Delegation from British West Indies recently visited India;

(b) if so, what was the duration of their stay in India; and

(c) whether any trade contracts were entered into between West Indies and India; and if so, in respect of which commodities?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 29 days.

(c) Government have no Trade Agreement with the West Indies and are not aware of any trade contracts entered into by the members of the West Indies Trade Delegation with Indian business houses.

EXPORT OF SALT

*403. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the value of salt exported from India in each year from 1950-51 onwards, countrywise; and

(b) the quantity of this salt taken out in foreign ships?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER For. PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). Two statements giving the required information ..e laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix X, Annexure No. 84.]

प्रकाशन विभाग द्वारा प्रकाशित हिन्दी पत्र-पत्रिकाएँ

*४११. श्री कृष्णकान्त श्वास : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रकाशन विभाग द्वारा प्रकाशित हिन्दी पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में से प्रत्येक की जनवरी सन् १९५५ से वर्तमान मास तक कितनी प्रतियाँ छापी व बेची गईं ;

(ख) "आजकल" नामक हिन्दी पत्रिका के सुधार तथा अहिन्दी भाषी लोगों में इसकी बिक्री बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या पग उठाये गये हैं, और

(ग) प्रकाशन विभाग में इस समय हिन्दी जानने वाले कितने कर्मचारी काम कर रहे हैं ?