

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know the difference between the cost of a 10 k.w. medium wave and short wave transmitter?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: That will require detailed calculation. It is not possible for me to give it off-hand. As far as acquisition of land is concerned, a short wave transmitter requires less of land; on the other hand, a short wave service is more liable to fluctuation and fading. Therefore, medium wave service is more reliable.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know the reason why Government have decided not to establish any more short wave stations excepting those at Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: Medium wave transmitters give better service so far as the community and cheap radio sets are concerned. That is why we have preferred medium wave transmitters instead of short wave ones.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Government consider the establishment of short wave transmitters where the medium wave transmitters have failed to discharge their duties?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: The question is not so simple as all that. As I said, medium wave service is more reliable. All the important broadcasting organisations use this service for their local regional service. At the same time, for very long distances and also for regions where the density of the population is very little, short wave is preferred. We also propose, in regions where the population density is not great and where the distances are not sufficiently great, to utilise short wave transmitters. That is being taken up in the next Plan.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know, in view of the Minister's

statement and in view of the length of the Andhra State, whether Government propose to instal a short wave transmitter at Vijayawada?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: That is being considered for the next Plan.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know how many medium wave stations are functioning and in which part of the country?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I will have to give the names of practically all the stations. Every station has a medium wave transmitter.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET OF THE NAHAN FOUNDRY, LTD.

*193. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Board of Directors and the balance sheet for the year 1954-55, in respect of the Nahani Foundry Limited, Nahani (Himachal Pradesh), have since been prepared; and

(b) whether the Foundry shows any profit during that year; and if so, what is the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) No, Sir. It is understood that the accounts are at present under audit.

(b) Does not arise.

'RASHTRAFATI NIWAS' IN SOUTH INDIA

*194. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a 'Rashtrapati Niwas' in South India for the Rashtrapati in order to enable him to stay there for a stipulated period of time every year; and

(b) if so, what will be the estimated annual expenditure thereon?