

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know, Sir, whether the 7½ per cent. reduction in price of the "Hindusthan" cars, that has been made, is due to this progressive local manufacture of the component parts?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Possibly.

DR. R. P. DUBE: May I know, Sir, what parts are imported? Are we importing nuts and bolts or are we importing engines and things like that?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, Sir, it is a long list and as I have said, when I place the statement on the Table of the House, at a later stage, the hon. Member will know about it.

SHRI M. M. SUR: May I know, Sir, how many of these items are manufactured, such as engine cylinder, blocks, crankshaft, inlet and exhaust valves, plugs, etc.?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will place a statement on the Table which will give these details.

DR. R. P. DUBE: With 65 per cent. of the parts made here, may I know, Sir, why the cars are sold 100 per cent. above the prices they are sold elsewhere?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I cannot say it is 100 per cent. above, but it is settled according to the terms of the Tariff Commission in the country.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: May I know, Sir, whether these parts are manufactured under the guidance of foreign technicians? And, if so, to what nationality do these technicians belong?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Foreign technicians are employed in some of the manufacturing concerns, but how many direct them and what their nationality is, I can answer only on notice.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Has the Tariff Commission taken into consideration the fact that these manufacturing concerns have also distributing agencies of their own and they charge

a heavy commission for the distributing agency and that is the reason for the high price of the cars?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The Tariff Commission have taken all factors into consideration.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is it a fact, Sir, that nowadays there is a progressive deterioration in the quality of the cars?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That is no correct, Sir.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I ask Sir, if foreign manufacturers have also reduced their price by 7½ per cent. for their cars?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Imports of foreign cars are prohibited.

OFFICERS EMPLOYED IN THE INTEGRATED PUBLICITY PROGRAMME

*668. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the number of Officers at present engaged in the Integrated Publicity Programme for the Five Year Plan?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, Annexure No. 140.]

DR. R. P. DUBE: May I know, Sir, whether the class I, II and III officers were first recruited and then they appeared before the U.P.S.C.?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: Class I, class II and class II (non gazetted) are recruited, some through the U.P.S.C. and some people are recruited directly and then approved by the U.P.S.C.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Are they being given any training, because this relates to a particular thing, i.e., Integrated Publicity Programme for the Five Year

Plan? When these officers are recruited, do they go through a course?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: Of course, everybody goes through a course of training.

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मैं पार्लियामेंटरी सेक्रेटरी महोदय से पूछ सकता हूँ कि जिन अफसरों की नियुक्तियाँ हुईं उनमें से हिन्दी के लिए कितने अफसर हैं ?

श्री जी० राजगोपालन : पता नहीं।

DR. R. P. DUBE: How long do they take to complete their training?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: There is no fixed time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They generally pick up.

TRANSFER OF AREA OF BILASPUR TO PUNJAB FOR BHAKRA NANGAL PROJECT

*669. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the Committee of experts appointed to determine the minimum area to be transferred from Bilaspur to Punjab for the expeditious construction and proper maintenance of the Bhakra Nangal Project; and

(b) the action, if any, taken by Government so far on those recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) and (b). The report of the Committee is still under the consideration of the Government. It would not be in the public interest to disclose its recommendations at this stage.

INCREASE IN RADIO ACTIVITY AT ALLAHABAD

*670. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geiger Counter at Allahabad had shown a 100 per cent. increase in radio-activity; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this increase?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). Government have no information.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN MADRAS STATE

*671. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total area in Malabar District of Madras State that had been included for rural electrification during the first Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the areas that have so far been electrified?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The total area covers 102 villages spread over the entire district.

(b) Area covering 33 villages.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: What is the basis on which the various areas are selected for rural electrification?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The schemes are prepared by the State Governments.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Are there any definite plans for it?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, the plans are prepared by the State Governments and sent on to the Planning Commission for approval.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: May I know. Sir, the names of those villages?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The names of all the 32 villages? Has the hon. Minister got the names?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I have got the names here, but it will take a long time to read out all the 32 names. I can give him the list.