

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA

*363. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any invitation from the Government of Peoples' Republic of China to visit that country; and

(b) if so, when he proposes to visit that country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Probably about the middle of October 1954.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know whether the Prime Minister will meet the Prime Minister of Russia in China?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Pardon?

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Has the Prime Minister seen a report in the press this morning that the Prime Minister of India will meet the Prime Minister of Russia?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No, I have not seen that report, nor heard of it. But if the Prime Minister of Russia is in China I shall meet him.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Prime Minister visit Indo-China also?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are all talking from newspaper reports.

PROF. G. RANGA: But newspaper reports cannot be dismissed, Sir.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I am not going anywhere, but I have to pass through various countries when going to China.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: How many times in the past has the Prime Minister of India received invita-

tions from China? Or is this the first time that an invitation has come?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: All these invitations normally come formally after informal approaches have been made. Informally mention was made of this on many occasions; but the formal invitation came only about two or three weeks ago.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Is this the first time?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Panigrahi.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Has the Prime Minister any invitation from the Prime Minister of the U.S.S.R. also?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That question does not arise; it is China we are discussing.

ELECTRIFICATION OF RURAL AREAS

*364. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the electrification of rural areas under the Community Projects and the National Extension Service Schemes; and

(b) if so, whether any action has so far been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). The general question is under consideration. Meanwhile, schemes submitted by States are also approved if they could be financed from Community Project Funds.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: May I know the names of the Community Projects and their schemes which will be benefited by the electricity coming from the Hirakud dam?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Pardon?

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Which of the Community Project schemes will be