

ernment scales of pay and allowances or at Orissa Government scales of pay and allowances and which of the two scales is higher?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): Officers and staff are paid at Central Government scales of pay and allowances.

The scales of pay of Central Government for posts on the regular temporary establishment are generally higher. Information in regard to work charged establishment is awaited from the State Government and it will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

IMPORT OF WATER METERS

*173. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of water meters imported during the last five years; and

(b) whether water meters were imported from sterling currency area or from dollar currency area?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Information relating to imports of water meters alone is not available as it is not shown separately in the 'Accounts relating to the Foreign (Sea, Air and Land) Trade and Navigation of India'.

(b) During the last two licensing periods, from July 1952 to June 1953 licences have been granted for the import of water meters from the soft currency areas only. Information relating to the earlier periods is not available, as the item was not specifically mentioned in the Import Trade Control Schedule.

WOMEN HOMES SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT

*174. SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many women homes are supported by Government; and

(b) how many women homes are entirely owned and run by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI J. K. BHONSLE):

(a) 36, including homes run by Government.

(b) 21

Similar information regarding displaced persons from East Pakistan is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED IN BEZWADA BROADCASTING STATION

*175. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to make any improvements in the Bezwada Broadcasting Station specially in view of the formation of the Andhra State; if so, what are the proposals?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): There is no proposal in the present Five Year Plan of All India Radio to increase the power of the Vijayawada Station. However, the question of effecting improvements in the programmes is receiving constant attention.

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BAN ON 'HULLER' AND 'SHELLER' TYPE OF RICE POUNDING MILLS

*24. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Khadi and Village Industries