

slovakia which, I suppose, is a country my hon. friend would consider to be within the Iron Curtain or whatever it is.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Not Iron Curtain, but Peoples' Curtain.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: There are also certain difficulties in regard to the transport of mica for which India is not responsible. I do happen to know that once the Czechoslovakian authorities who got mica from us had to face considerable difficulties in transporting this mica. So far as we are concerned, we are free to export mica to any country that wants it. We are not bound to stop its export to any country simply because somebody tells us not to do it, whoever it may be.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If the Government of Hungary or the Government of any of those distant democracies whom the hon. Minister has called the Iron Curtain want our mica—we call it Peoples' Curtain—will the Government include mica also as one of the items of export?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a suggestion for action.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is it the policy of the Government to call these countries as countries within the Iron Curtain?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not the Government's policy.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know whether the hon. Minister was speaking on behalf of the Government?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Definitely. I have no other function here.

IMPORT OF BURMA TEAK

*456. SHRI K. C. GEORGE (on behalf of SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA): Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) how much of Burma teak and of what value was imported during

the years 1951 and 1952 for ship building in India; and

(b) whether teak from the forests of Malabar, Travancore-Cochin, Mysore and Coorg on the West Coast of Madras is not suitable for the purpose; if not, why not?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) 270 tons valued at Rs. 270,000 in 1951, and 330 tons valued at Rs. 312,500 in 1952.

(b) The Shipyard is trying out certain varieties of wood, including teak from the West Coast of Madras, as an experimental measure to see if they can be used in place of Burma teak.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know how this teak is being imported into India—whether it is on a contract basis or otherwise?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I have not got the information, but I presume that it should be on the basis of orders placed on the exporting firms there. I do not have specific information on the point.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: How does the question come under the Ministry of Production? It is rather confusing.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: It is for ship-building. That is why it comes under this Ministry.

MEMORIAL FOR AN INDIAN AMBASSADOR

*457. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial is proposed to be erected for the late Indian Ambassador who died in Cairo; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is the usual practice of the Government of India to erect memorials for Indian Ambassadors who die abroad?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) No;

but a tomb has been constructed in the Indian cemetery at Cairo for the late Indian Ambassador, Dr. Syed Hussain.

(b) No.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA DISTRICTS

*454. **SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA:**
Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres opened for the working of the Community Projects in Andhra districts in 1952-53;

(b) the items of construction or production in each of these centres;

(c) the total output at each of these centres;

(d) the nature, scope and results of the social work done in those centres; and

(e) how many centres will be opened this year in those districts and at which places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Two.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table.

(c) Figures are not available.

(d) Social work will begin after return of the Social and Chief Social Education Organisers now under training.

(e) No decision has yet been taken.

STATEMENT

Items of Construction or Production in Community Projects in Andhra Districts

Kurnool—Cuddapah Area.—Loans were granted to cultivators whose crops were in the manurial stage. Fisherlings were planted in two tanks. A primary health centre is being start-

ed at Yallur. One adult education centre was established. One recreation centre and one games Society were organised. 3 culverts were constructed.

East Godavari—

Agriculture.—38 new compost pits were dug and another 114 were covered or rectified. 56 demonstrations were given for providing dry earth in cattle sheds. 50 acres of land (chillies) were dusted with gammexine and the results demonstrated. 4 acres were sown with English vegetables in the kitchen garden attached to the training centre. 1,746 trees were planted.

Irrigation.—A number of schemes for minor irrigation works were considered.

Health and Rural Sanitation.—Three primary health centres and one maternity centre were started. The Panchayat Board of Mandapeta resolved to contribute Rs. 15,000 from out of their funds for the purchase of a pucca building for the Health Centre located at Mandapeta. Public health staff in the area started a regular campaign to control the Filaria epidemic which affected 77 villages of the Project area.

Veterinary.—A scheme for the introduction of a pilot key village scheme in the area with an artificial insemination centre at Rayavaram was being worked. A free gift of a tiled building worth Rs. 10,000 for the use of the veterinary dispensary was also received.

Social Education.—Wall newspapers were set up in 4 villages with a view to promoting adult education. A community centre-cum-open air theatre was opened. Group meetings were arranged to explain to the people the objects of the Community Project Programme. At Rayavaram a free gift of 4 acres of land was received for the construction of a Harijan Colony in the village.

Co-operation.—An Oil Ghani Workers' co-operative Cottage Industrial Society at Samalkot and an irrigation co-operative Society at Biccavolu were organised.