

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BIHAR STATE

*146. DR. P. C. MITRA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres opened for the working of the community projects in Bihar State;

(b) the number of such centres with the names of the places of their location in Ranchi district;

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

(d) the total output at each of those centres; and

(e) the nature, scope and results of the social work done in those centres?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) 5.

(b) One in Ormanjhi-Ranchi-Mandi area in Ranchi District.

(c) to (e). Information will be available in the Quarterly Progress Report which has been called for from the State Government.

FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTED IN TEA ESTATES OF ASSAM

*147. SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign capital invested in Tea Estates in Assam;

(b) the number of foreign personnel employed in those tea Estates as Managers and Assistant Managers;

(c) the number of Indian personnel employed as Managers and Assistant Managers in those tea Estates; and

(d) whether Government propose to lay down conditions for investment of foreign capital and for employment of Indian personnel in the

management of the tea Estates of Assam?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Information relating to the Capital invested is available only in respect of Tea Industry as a whole in India, which is approximately 40 crores. I am not in a position to give separate figures relating to the amount invested in the Tea Industry in Assam.

(b) and (c) Precise information is not available.

(d) No, Sir.

NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR READERS

*148. SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKHANPAL: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of newspapers in Indian languages and their readers is much higher than the number of English newspapers and their readers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the function of the Press Information Bureau is to give information to newspapers;

(c) how much staff in the Press Information Bureau is allotted for work in connection with English newspapers and how much is allotted for work in connection with newspapers in Hindi and in each of the other languages separately; and

(d) the amount paid as salary to the said staff (language-wise)?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) The number of newspapers published in Indian languages is higher than that of newspapers published in English; but statistics about the number of readers are not available.