

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. KRISHNA-MACHARI):

(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.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the Council: [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 48.]

**HONORARIUM PAID FOR PROGRAMMES
FROM RADIO STATIONS**

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

(a) the amount of money paid as honorarium during the current and last financial years for the programmes in English and in Hindi separately broadcasting from the following stations of the All India Radio—

(i) Delhi;

(ii) Jullundur; (iii)

Lucknow; and (iv)

Allahabad;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to (i) increase the proportion of Hindi Programmes; and (ii) raise the standard of payment?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR) : (a) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Council in due course.

(b) There is no fixed proportion for Hindi broadcasts. Our general policy is to increase the proportion of Indian language broadcasts wherever possible.

EXPORT VALUE OF FISH

14. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the value of fish exported from the West Coast, ■ separately for Travancore-Cochin, Malabar and the Ponnani Taluk of Malabar District, during the year 1951-52?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI) : Statistics of export are recorded according to the ports from which the goods have been shipped to foreign countries and not according to their places of origin. The value of export of fish during 1951-52 from Cochin and other ports in South India is given in the table below:

Ports iorb	1951-7 [^]	
	Quantity	Value
Cochin.	34.0	4,4<5
I Other ports.	31.9	4,382
M Madras.	366.5	24,318
J Total:	432.4	32,766

*Quantity in '000' of Cwt. Value
in '000' of Rupees.*

TOBACCO EXPORT TO CEYLON

15. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of tobacco exported from India to Ceylon during the year 1951-52;

(b) the value of bidis exported to Ceylon during the same year;

(c) how much tobacco and bidis were exported from Malabar to Ceylon during the same year; and

(d) the total amount of export duty realised on the above commodities during the same period?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI) :

(a) Unmanufactured ■ • Rs. 22,80,405
Manufactured ■ ■ ■ Rs. 55,28,4B
Total: Rs. 7^08.916

(b) No separate statistics relating to bidi exports are available. Exports of bidis, if any, have been included in the manufactured tobacco.

(c) Statistics of exports are not maintained according to the area of production.

(d) There is no export duty on any type of tobacco excepting cigars and