

the large scale production and, secondly, creating taste for cottage industries products. In both these directions definite progress, though slow, is being observable.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

*301. SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the community projects in Rajasthan has actually been started and if so, what is the progress made so far ; and

(b) what is the programme of work for the first year in respect of each block of the community projects in Rajasthan ?

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

(a) Yes. Preliminary survey of the areas has been completed and budget estimates prepared. Work has also been taken up in regard to certain items, i.e., repair of wells, construction of approach roads, distribution of seeds and fertilisers, etc.

(b) This is under consideration.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Is it the policy of the Government to consult the villagers concerned in drawing up the programme ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : Yes, Sir.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Has a survey been undertaken ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : Yes, Sir. The representatives of the Rajasthan Government are coming here tomorrow for discussion of the detailed programme.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Is it a fact that Rajasthan made a present of 67 schools on the birthday of the Prime Minister ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : You mean the village people ?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : On the birthday of the Prime Minister, the only present which was made to him was about 300 and odd schools and Rajasthan's quota was 67.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU : Who made these presents ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : I do not know the exact number.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is the idea of presenting schools ? I do not understand.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : They offered to build schools by voluntary labour I hope.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA : Were the school children presented or the school buildings ?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : What is the backing and basis for this presentation, Sir ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is a different question altogether.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : It is only, Sir, in the implementation of the community projects, as a matter of fact, they said that the community projects will be developed in such a way that during the first year about 67 schools will be opened there and that is the present which has been made and, I find, Sir, that no programme has even been drawn up for that and, I think, this is just as illusory as anything else.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is an opinion.

FOREIGNERS IN BUSINESS CONCERNS

*302. SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign commercial concerns in India have of late begun to employ on large scale foreigners only even in administrative sections of their concerns ;