

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 ;

(b) whether the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and Burma Shell Company in Madras have of late recruited a large number of foreigners ; and

(c) If so, what steps Government propose to take to put a stop to this anti-Indianisation policy of foreign commercial concerns in India ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) :

(a) Government have received a few complaints alleging increased employment of foreigners by foreign commercial concerns in administrative posts but it is difficult for Government to draw conclusions without full investigations.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Government have indicated their policy in regard to this matter on more than one occasion, and, Sir, I should add that this matter is under the active consideration of our Ministry at the moment.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : Sir, in view of the fact that the foreign companies are increasing the staff in alarming numbers, will it not be desirable for Government to take action now, instead of waiting for some time and allowing them to recruit more foreigners ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Sir, there is nothing inherently alarming about it ; it is a serious matter and we are devoting our serious attention to it.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is it a fact, Sir, that such Indian nationals as have been appointed have been appointed because of their political influences and not because of their qualifications ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : The hon. Member who appears to have made investigations knows better and I should like to benefit by it.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Is the reply given by the hon. Minister concerns only these two non-Indian firms of the non-Indian firms throughout the country ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Firms as a whole.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Is there any possibility of Government taking action to restrict the employment of non-Indians in a large number in non-Indian firms, either by legislation or by rules ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : By legislation, if necessary, certainly, yes ; by rules, under legislation, certainly, yes.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Do Government contemplate bringing such legislation ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Sir, Government have the intention of curtailing the unhealthy over-employment of foreigners in concerns here, whether they are foreign operated or Indian operated and Government are determined to take all measures which are necessary.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Is the Government aware that this attitude is undesirable, this attitude of foreign firms to employ large number of non-Indians in preference to Indians and, not only that, to pay them more than the Indian employees in those concerns ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : It is not a question of only the British concerns.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Have Government been collecting information lately about the administrative and technical Indian personnel in foreign firms and, if so, have any information been already made available ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, Sir ; we published a notification on the 31st July 1952 in all leading papers calling for statistics regarding the number of Indians and non-Indians in certain pay groups, that is

Rs. 300 to Rs. 1,000 and above, both for technical and managerial posts from 1947-48 and we have sizable information in our possession now.

(Shri T. R. Deogirikar rose)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let Mr. Ghose complete.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Do the statistics reveal that recently Indians have been replaced by the importation of foreigners in these firms ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : The statistics are being studied.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Sir, are Government aware of the action taken by our neighbouring States like Pakistan and Ceylon in ensuring the employment of their own nationals in foreign firms ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, Sir ; a few days ago, I saw a notification by Pakistan Government but, we base our action on our own experience and wisdom.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Would the hon. Minister kindly state if he does not consider it desirable that some action should be taken also in this country, particularly in view of the fact that during the last 2 to 3 years there have been more foreigners replacing Indians than was the case even before Independence ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Sir, I think, I started by saying that that was our impression. We have definite and tangible information and we are having that information collated. If complete information is not forthcoming without legislation, we would take recourse to legislation. In any case, the matter is actively under consideration and we shall take steps to have the desire fulfilled.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : May I know how many Indians are employed in foreign countries ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : No statistics are available of Indians employed in foreign countries.

KOYNA PROJECT

*303. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bombay have sought to revise the Koyna project so as to use the water of the Koyna river for generating electricity for the West Coasts ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that in that case the volume of water in Krishna river will be reduced rendering lift irrigation on its banks impossible ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Am I to understand, Sir, that the original Koyna project stands as it was ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : No, Sir ; it does not stand as it was.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : It does not stand as it was.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know what happened to that ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : The original project had been revised only to the extent that the power that was to be generated had been decreased.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will any portion of the power be available for irrigation purposes in the Koyna Valley and Krishna Valley in Bijapur district ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : I think, it will be, Sir.