

(a) whether Government are aware that the assurances of land for land and house for house were held out to the displaced persons in Sambalpur, on account of the Hirakud Dam Construction;

(b) the total number of persons displaced on account of the Hirakud Dam Construction;

(c) the total number of applicants claiming compensation;

(d) the total number of applications disposed of so far; and

(e) the total amount of betterment levy which the Government propose to realise from such areas of Sambalpur District as are likely to be benefited by the Dam ?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected from the Government of Orissa and will be laid on the Table of the House when it is received.

IMPORT OF RAW SILK

5. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India had allowed the import of silk from foreign countries to India during the years 1950-51 and 1951-52; and

(b) what was the effect of it on the silk industry in India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR) : (a) Presumably the hon. Member is referring to raw silk. If so, the answer is yes;

(b) Import of raw silk has not affected the local silk industry adversely.

NEW RAILWAY LINES

7. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new Railway lines opened from 1948 to upto date, and

(b) what was the amount spent on such Railway expansion ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) The following new Railway lines have been opened to traffic since the year 1948 :

- (1) Mavli Jn.—Bada Sadri Line, Western Railway.
- (2) Rupar—Nangal Line, Northern Railway.
- (3) Hadgaon—Adilabad Section, Central Railway.
- (4) Dahinsara—Malia Branch, Western Railway.
- (5) Sanganer Town—Diggi Section, Western Railway.
- (6) Kanalus—Gop Extension, Western Railway.
- (7) Assam Rail Link, North Eastern Railway.
- (8) Arantangi—Karaikudi Section, Southern Railway.
- (9) Mukerian—Pathankot Section, Northern Railway.

(b) The information is not readily available and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM ASSAM

8. DR. S. K. BHUYAN : Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state the amounts received under each of the following heads from the State of Assam during the last four years viz., 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52:

- (a) Income-tax;
- (b) Export duty on Tea grown in Assam;
- (c) Excise duty on Tea grown in Assam;
- (d) Export duty on Jute products and Jute grown in Assam;
- (e) Export duty on Petrol and Kerosene produced in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when complete.

GOLD PARTICLES IN MAHANADI BED

9. SHRI B. R. DUBE : Will the Minister for PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether gold particles have been found in the bed of river Mahanadi near Hirakud Dam area? If so, what steps are being taken by the Government to explore and utilise the said gold particles?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA) : No, Sir. The Director, Geological Survey of India reports that some persons mistook some small streaks of sulphide mineral found in rocks in the area for gold. The specimens were analysed in the laboratory of the Geological Survey of India at Calcutta, and found to contain no gold.

TRAINING CENTRES OF BOYS' COMPANIES

10. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the training centres of the Boys' Companies?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI N GOPALASWAMI) : No.

KUMAON REGIMENTAL CENTRE

11. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to move the Kumaon Regimental Centre from its present headquarters at Ranikhet?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI N. GOPALASWAMI) : No, Sir.

AID TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

12. DR. S. K. BHUYAN : Will the Minister for EDUCATION & NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the literary, historical, cultural and research organizations and institutions to which financial aid has been given by the Central Government during the last four years, viz., 1948-49 to 1951-52; and

(b) the amount of aid given to each such organization or institution in each of the above four years?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the Members that I have received the following letter from Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale :

"I wish to inform you that owing to an engagement fixed last year, I shall have to be away in Europe and America from 15th May to the beginning of November 1952. I shall be thankful if you will kindly obtain for me leave of absence from the Council of States for the period of my absence from its sessions."