

to Unstarred Question No. 1902 on the 24th May, 1962 and state:

(a) the reason for Gwalior Rayon Manufacturing Co., Ltd., not constructing any house under the subsidised industrial housing scheme; and

(b) what is the present position?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):

(a) and (b). The project was sanctioned by the Kerala Government in October, 1961. Of the 250 houses sanctioned, 116 houses are at various stages of construction, while construction of the remaining 134 houses is yet to be taken up.

Sulphuric Acid Plant at Alwaye

383. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract has been signed with Simon Carves Ltd., for setting up a Sulphuric Acid Plant at Alwaye;

(b) if so, the details of the contract;

(c) the output of the proposed plant; and

(d) what is the employment potential of the plant?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The contract includes supply of equipment for a total value of Rs. 32 lakhs (F.O.B.) U.K. port.

(c) The plant is expected to produce about 450 tons of sulphuric acid per day.

(d) The scheme envisages employment of about 50 persons including maintenance crew.

Gratuity Scheme in Mica Industry

{ Shri A. K. Gopalan:

384. { Shri Umanath:

{ Shri P. Kuhan:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any gratuity scheme in the mica industry; and

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal to introduce such a scheme?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) No Gratuity Scheme exists at present for the Mica Industry as a whole.

(b) The question of integrating the Provident Fund and Employees' State Insurance Schemes providing *inter alia* for invalidity retirement-cum-gratuity and survivorship pension as per recommendation of the Study Group on Social Security is under examination.

A.C.M.O. Office at Madras

385. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
{ Shri Umanath:
{ Shri P. Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure in running the Assistant Coffee Marketing Officer's Office at Madras; and

(b) how many tons of coffee are collected by this office?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 1960-61—Rs. 40,965 and 1961-62—Rs. 41,045.

(b) This office does not collect any coffee. It is mainly concerned with the Local Sales of Coffee in Madras, Guntur, Pool Sales at Vijayawada, and with the storage and distribution of imported chicory to allottees.

British India Corporation, Kanpur

{ Shri S. M. Manerjee:
387. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
{ Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of M/s. B.I.C. Ltd., Cooper Allen of North