

take any help from them, then I would submit that we are not getting much help.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: At least we can state the facts.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Quite apart from the photographs, in view of the reports in papers like the *Observer* and the *Express*, may I know whether Government propose to disregard altogether this kind of malignant propaganda against India only in the expectation that some assistance in the way of offering food into this country might come? Do Government not contemplate any special steps in this regard?

Shri Swaran Singh: I do not think that the intention was to malign India. As I said, certain photographs showing the unfortunate conditions that obtain here, along with similar conditions which prevail in other countries, were exhibited amongst certain people in order to attract money. If they undertake any such thing in which besides India many other countries are involved, I do not know what particular action we should take. It is not that we have asked them to do so, nor have we encouraged them.

Now that these sentiments have been expressed, I am sure that even they will take due notice of our feelings and will not do anything which might touch our susceptibilities.

Shri Ranga: Is it not a fact that the Government themselves have admitted that there is malnutrition on a large-scale, if not on a widespread scale in our country, that there is starvation in our country, and there is also under-nourishment in regard to large sections of the masses, and if so, why is it that Government feel shy about some philanthropic organisation displaying photographs of the reality that is prevailing in this country not only because of 150 years or so of British rule but also because of 16 years of rule by this Government?

Shri Swaran Singh: I do not know if this calls for a reply. I am not fighting shy. Certain sections of the House feel strongly about this issue. I have tried to defend it, and take it that Prof. Ranga is more of the view I take rather than that of the view of other Members.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Corporation for Tourism

- *282. { **Shri B. P. Yadava:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Maniyangadan:

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 33 on the 19th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the formation of a Corporation for handling activities of a commercial nature connected with tourism has been considered; and

(b) if so, its main functions, shape and scope?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The proposal regarding the formation of a Corporation for handling activities of a commercial nature connected with tourism is yet under consideration of the Government and a decision is expected to be taken early.

चीनी मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण

*२८३. **श्री विश्वाम प्रसाद :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश की चीनी मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण करने तथा इस कार्य के लिये पांच करोड़ रुपये का ऋण देने का विचार कर रही है;