

desirability of transferring these two departments to India and conduct operations from here rather than keep one in London and one in Washington?

Shri K. C. Reddy: There are very compelling reasons why these two Trade Missions should be continued to run at these two places. At various times, it had been considered as to the possibility of abolishing these missions or reducing the size of those; but, in view of the present state of affairs, it is considered that they should continue on the same basis for some time longer.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Urban and Rural Housing

*369. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided in the Second Five Year Plan for urban housing and for rural housing;

(b) the proportional percentage of rural housing as compared with urban housing; and

(c) what percentage of the need does the provision in rural housing in Second Five Year Plan cover?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) The Plan provides Rs. 108 crores for a number of schemes such as the Subsidised Industrial Housing Schemes, the Low Income Group Housing Scheme, the Slum Clearance Scheme which are mainly for urban areas. For the rural areas, a provision of Rs. 10 crores has been made for the Rural Housing Scheme and Rs. 2 crores for the Plantation Labour Housing Scheme.

(b) and (c). Exact percentages cannot be worked out at this stage. In addition to the schemes mentioned above, there are schemes of the Ministry of Home Affairs for housing Scheduled Castes and Tribes and Backward Classes and schemes of the Ministry of Community Development

for rural housing and housing of project staff which will provide about Rs. 25 crores. There are also other schemes for housing artisans and weavers, for resettlement of landless labour etc. where no separate allocation has been made for rural housing but some amount is likely to be spent in the rural area. The overall amount that may be available for rural housing of various types may, therefore, be of the order of Rs. 40 crores or so. A rough estimate of the number of houses in the rural areas needing to be rebuilt or substantially improved is 50 million. The total funds available for rural housing in the Second Plan will enable only a beginning to be made in dealing with the problem.

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Relief Camps for Displaced Persons

*386. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for setting up relief camps in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan for displaced persons from East Pakistan has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) There is no scheme for a relief camp in Rajasthan. The scheme for setting up camps in the Uttar Pradesh is under preparation and has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.