

rupee scheme to build workers' tenements, and

(b) whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K Chanda): (a) Proposals have been received from the Calcutta Corporation for financial assistance under the Slum Clearance and Sweepers' Housing Scheme for construction of houses for Corporation employees such as Sweepers Dhangars, Doms and others, at an estimated cost of Rs 200 crores

(b) The proposals are under examination. Some modifications in them may be necessary, this will be discussed shortly in Calcutta

Manufacture of Heavy Machinery

***498 Shri Ram Krishan** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether a technical committee set up for studying the experts' reports submitted by the Soviet heavy machinery experts and the UK heavy engineering mission, has submitted its report, and

(b) if so the main features of the report?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Committee felt that the Central heavy machine building shop should be developed on the lines recommended by the Russian experts and that at least one plate and vessel works one heavy structural works and one heavy machine tool works should be set up on the pattern suggested by the British Mission. For the information of the Honble Members, fifteen copies of this technical committee's report have been separately sent to the Parliament Library

Research Programmes Committee

***500 Shri Wodeyar** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state

(a) whether any surveys of economic and land problems are being

carried out under the auspices of the Research Programmes Committee since its constitution in 1953,

(b) if so, which of those surveys have been completed, and

(c) whether any sum has been allotted for this purpose to assist research bodies helping collection of data?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L N Mishra): (a) Since the constitution of the Research Programmes Committee in 1953, it has sponsored 69 research projects on problems of economic development. Of these schemes 19 relate to problems relating to agricultural economics including Land Reforms, Co-operation and Farm Management

(b) Thus far, 14 surveys have been completed of which 3 relate to Land Reforms 3 to Small-scale Industries, 4 to problems of Regional Development and 4 to other miscellaneous subjects

(c) The Committee extends financial assistance mainly to Universities and research institutions which are helping in collection of data. A sum of Rs 43.6 lakhs has been allotted to these institutions till the 30th June, 1957 of which Rs 27.6 lakhs have been allotted to universities, Rs 11.3 lakhs to governmental research agencies, and Rs 4.7 lakhs to other research agencies

Small Scale Industries

***505 Shri Ganpati Ram** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government have recently sanctioned Rupees 10 lakhs to some State Governments for the development of small scale industries

(b) if so the amount allotted State-wise and

(c) what is the basis of allotment, whether it is population or area of the State?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Government of India have so far sanctioned funds to the extent of Rs 277 03 lakhs (Rs 61 25 lakhs grants and Rs 215 78 lakhs loans) to the State Government for the schemes for the development of small scale industries during the current financial year. A statement giving details of allocation of Central assistance for 1957-58 to each of the State Governments for Small Scale Industries, the extent of funds sanctioned is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 40]

(c) Broadly, allotment of funds to State Governments is made on the basis of ceilings fixed in consultation with the Planning Commission as per the State Second Five Year Plans for implementation of approved schemes during the Second Plan period and the budget provision for the financial year

कटनी में विस्थापित श्रमिक

*५०८ पढित क्वा० प्र० क्वालिटी
नया नुर्बास तथा अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री यह
बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कटनी के निकट बसाये गये विस्थापित व्यक्ति स्थायी निवास के लिये मकान बनाने की जमीन की बहुत समय से मांग कर रहे हैं,

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि लगभग तीन वर्ष पूर्व उनके निवास के लिये नगर के पास जमीन प्राप्त करने की व्यवस्था की गई थी, और

(ग) उस योजना को अब तक कार्यान्वित न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

पुनर्वास तथा अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री
(श्री मेहर चन्ध कान्ना) (क) से (ग)
जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही है और उल
होने पर सभा की मेज पर रख दी जायग पन्था

Handloom Fabrics

*510 Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the amount of bulk orders received from the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia for the supply of handloom fabrics as a result of participation by the All-India Handloom Board in exhibitions in those countries, and

(b) what are the items which have attracted special attention?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Exhibits were fully sold out. No bulk orders have been received by the Handloom Board but the State Trading Corporation and some other private parties are known to have concluded small contracts

(b) Furnishings, bedspreads; dress materials, towelling and silk scarves

Salt Production

*515 Shri M. D. Mathur. Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) how much quantity of salt is produced at Deedwarra annually;

(b) how much out of it is for human consumption and how much for commercial purposes, and

(c) what is the amount of revenue to Government from Deedwarra Salt?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 41]

Prices of Imported Commodities

*518. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the prices of some of the imported commodities have recently risen sharply as compared to the first quarter of 1957, and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?