

parate WC and bathroom. May I know the size of the room, kitchen and the bathroom?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I am afraid I have not got the information with me presently, but I believe that the room is about 12' x 10'.

Shri Basumatari: The hon. Minister mentioned that some schemes have been sent by the Government of Assam. I want to know whether the place chosen is Gauhati or Goalpara and also the amount sanctioned.

Mr. Speaker: The question relates only to Bombay.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I have not got the details with regard to other States.

Mr. Speaker: Why not the hon. Member put a separate question?

Shri Goray: I would like to know what exactly is the meaning of slum clearance. Is it meant that the persons living now in the slums will begin to live in the new tenements or will they be shifted to some other place?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The whole scheme of slum clearance has been placed before this House. If the hon. Member is interested to know the details, I would respectfully request him to go to the Library and consult.

Mr. Speaker: It is a simple question. The question is whether the tenements built now in the places where the slums exist are intended for the slum-dwellers in those places or whether they are intended for those who were erstwhile slum-dwellers and that the present slum-dwellers will be asked to go to some other place.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The general scheme is that the people are not to be displaced from place to place. Generally speaking, these tenements are being built more or less on the same spot.

Shri Goray: What is the actual experience?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: As I said, generally speaking, the tenements are being built as near the slums as possible.

Shri Thimmaiah: May I know the total amount so far sanctioned for this purpose?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: For the whole country?

Shri Thimmaiah: Yes.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Up till now we have sanctioned nearly Rs. 7 crores

Low Quality Jute

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*1618. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
 Shri Bhogji Bhai:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Jute of low quality is being sold at Rs. 9/- to 12/- per maund in certain areas of Bihar and Orissa;

(b) whether the quantity of such Jute is in excess of the manufacturers' demand; and

(c) if so, whether Government will permit the export of such surplus Jute?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. During the second half of March 1958 the price of lowest quality of Bihar jute ranged between Rs. 13/- and Rs. 14/- per maund while that of Orissa Jute ranged between Rs. 17.25 and Rs. 17.75 per maund.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, as there is no surplus.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: In view of the reply given by the Minister of Agriculture on 26th February that this type of jute is grown more than the demand and there is a jute called Mesta which costs from Rs. 9 to 10—it is not actually jute but is as good as

jute—may I know, under such circumstances, whether the Government will allow even some export, which is surplus to our consumption, to Japan or West Germany who are prepared to pay Rs. 4 more than the ruling prices here?

Shri Kanungo: The present information is that there is no surplus and shortly—it is a matter of a couple of weeks—a team is going round to find out and check up whether that statement is correct or not.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: Are we importing high-grade quality of jute from Pakistan or only low-grade quality?

Shri Kanungo: Generally high-grade.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether this enquiry as to whether jute is surplus or not will be made within a month or so by which time the cultivator may be prepared to cultivate?

Shri Kanungo: Very soon. I mentioned that it is a matter of a couple of weeks.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether there is any proposal to start a jute mill in Orissa for the best utilisation of the low as well as the good quality of jute in Orissa?

Shri Kanungo: Already our capacity for the manufacture of jute goods is more than necessary.

N.E.F.A.

*1619. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been undertaken in the N.E.F.A. area for the promotion and expansion of Small-Scale Industries there; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to implement the findings of the aforesaid survey?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). In view of the anxiety of Government not to disturb the normal trend of tribal life by introducing large numbers of outsiders in tribal areas, no attempts have been made either to set up large or small scale industries in NEFA or to undertake a survey for this purpose.

So far as tribal cottage industries are concerned, however, arrangements have been made for further training of tribals in their own basic crafts like weaving, spinning, knitting, carpentry, blacksmithy, pottery, sawing, etc. 13 such Cottage Industries Training-cum-Production Centres have been opened in different regions of NEFA.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the Government are aware of the inroads into NEFA made by imitation, machine-made textile designs and handicrafts and, if so, may I know the steps that the Government have so far taken to protect indigenous industry and handicrafts from this inroad of civilised products?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes, Sir. We are very much concerned about this inroad, as the hon. Member put it. I believe that various restrictions have been put on such textiles coming in from outside. I do not exactly know the details, but we do not allow shops to be opened by outsiders usually; we encourage co-operatives of the local people and their own textile woven materials.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if the Government are aware of the fact that the display of cheap Hindi films with characters dressed in civilised attire is presenting a challenge to indigenous industries and handicrafts in NEFA?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know what the hon. Member's idea of civilised attire is. I doubt if even the Members sitting here, all of them