

Shri Manubhai Shah: If the hon. Member desires precise information as to what would be the measurement if gypsum is properly stored in one way or another way, I may submit that the labour is not worth taking to find it out.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know if the Government have made sure that this loss is only apparent and not actual as a result of pilfering?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I can assure the House that it is not so much due to pilferage, because there is proper supervision in the factory and gypsum is not much worth pilfering.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I request that Question No. 414 on "Co-ordination in Ministries" is important and the reply may be given.

Mr. Speaker: No

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rescue Station at Kothagudium

*397. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1612 on the 11th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether any estimate has since been prepared for the establishment of a Rescue station at Kothagudium, Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) when the construction of the building to house the station will commence?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) The Coal Mines Rescue Rules are being revised in order to provide for the establishment of a Rescue Station in the Singareni Coalfields and the levy of an excise duty for the purpose. The construction of the building will commence as soon as the necessary funds become available by the above-mentioned levy.

Shops in Lajpatrai Market

*401. **Shri Muhammad Elias:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many new shops have been built in the Lajpatrai Market opposite Red Fort;

(b) whether the newly-built shops have been allotted to the shop-keepers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) 382 shops and 80 stalls.

(b) Not yet.

(c) Some of the Associations of the Stall-holders of the Old Market had made some suggestions regarding allotments. These had to be examined before arriving at a decision regarding the procedure of allotment.

Plan Projects

*405. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total additional cost involved in Government's Plan projects (Public Sector) on account of the increases allowed in Steel prices, during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) by what percentage has the cost of projects in the public sector risen from the estimates, on account of the rise in Steel and Cement prices?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Increases in the estimates of cost of the projects in the public sector are due to several causes affecting the costs of various items including raw materials, wages, machinery and equipment etc. It is extremely difficult to isolate the effect of the rise in prices of one or two items in the additional cost. Moreover, steel used being of various categories, elaborate calculations will have to be made of the quantities used of, and the prices paid for, each of the categories. Prices