

**Cloth Production**

\*603. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cloth has recorded a decline during 1959 as compared to 1958;

(b) if so, what are the production figures for the first half of the two years;

(c) the causes of decline in production; and

(d) whether the per capita consumption target, fixed for cloth for the Second Five Year Plan, is likely to be achieved at this rate of production?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The estimated cotton cloth production during the first half of 1959 is 35,43.8 million yards as against 84,74.7 million yards during the corresponding period of 1958.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**Displaced Persons in Tripura**

\*604. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of displaced persons staying in the refugee camps of Tripura at present;

(b) whether they are paid any dole; and

(c) the reasons for not sending them to rehabilitation centres in scheduled time?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Naskar): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in West Bengal**

\*605. **Shri Fadhia:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish some more townships for the rehabilitation of displaced persons in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Fertilizer Plants**

\*606. { Shri N. E. Munisamy:  
Shri P. G. Deb:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Birla Brothers are negotiating with certain American firms for putting up some fertilizer plants in India; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India are guaranteeing the firm?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) M/s. Birla Brothers are studying the possibility of securing collaboration from the U.S. firms in setting up a fertilizer factory in India. Details in regard to the nature and scope of these talks are not yet known.

(b) Government have not been approached in the matter.

**Setting up of Industries with Japanese Collaboration**

\*607. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions are being carried on for the establishment of factories for manufacturing