

The total cost of the scheme is estimated to be Rs. 12 lakhs. It is hoped that some of the relief organisations will make donations of (a) food and (b) agricultural implements.

Explosives on Sialkot-Jammu Border

*189. { Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri Assar;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a dump of explosives was found inside the Indian territory on Sialkot-Jammu border, which was imported from Pakistan and a Pakistani spy Barkat Ali was also arrested in this connection?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): On the night of November 29/30, 1959 a Pakistan national, Barkat Ali Goojar, was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir border police. Acting on information furnished by him, the police recovered some explosives from a place 12 miles south-west of Jammu and 2 miles east of Jammu-Sialkot border. Barkat Ali Also confessed his complicity in the planting of explosives on Achharkund bridge on Srinagar-Jammu road on November 4, 1959.

Aluminium Plant at Salem

*190. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao;
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta;
Shri Padam Dev;
Shri Tangamani;

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 31 on the 16th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the application for setting up an Aluminium Plant at Salem (Madras); and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The scheme has been approved in principle. Some of the details are under discussions with the State Government and the party.

Tenements for Cottage Dwellers in Bombay

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bombay have submitted a proposal to construct twenty-five thousand tenements for the cottage-dwellers; and

(b) if so, whether sanction has been given to the proposals?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Of the 25,000 tenements proposed to be built for rehousing hutment-dwellers in Bombay City and suburbs, the Government of Bombay formulated a project for construction of 5,966 tenements of the estimated cost of Rs. 2.09 crores, as the first phase of the programme to be completed by the 31st of March, 1961. After consultation with the Government of India, the project was sanctioned by the State Government on the 2nd February, 1960.

Minorities in East Pakistan

*192. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East Pakistan authorities have removed the restrictions imposed on members of minority community in the matter of renewal of their passports; and

(b) whether the figures of migration of members of minority community from East Pakistan have declined by now?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) No, Sir. There has been no appreciable improvement in this respect?

(b) The figures of migration do not show any downward trend from the slight increase that became evident after June, 1959. At an average, 700 persons migrate to India from East Pakistan each month.