

Public Undertakings

*369. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to appoint an expert committee to go into the question of determining the appropriate form of organisation for the various types of public undertakings; and

(b) if so, when will the committee be set up?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pakistani Raid in Uri

*370. { Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a band of Pakistanis raided the village of Sahura in Uri Sector of Kashmir on the 7th June, 1960 and kidnapped two villagers;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) whether the U.N. Observers have got the Indians released from the custody of the Pakistani raiders?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). Two civilians of village Sahura (4½ miles North East of Uri and ½ mile on our side of the cease-fire line) are reported to have been kidnaped by a party of Pakistanis on the night of June 6/7, 1960. They also took away some property. The civil police are investigating the case.

(c) The U.N. Field Observer Team at Uri has been approached to secure their release.

Shortage of Raw Jute

*371. { Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

(a) whether the Indian Jute Mills Association have decided to seal looms progressively because they complain of shortage of raw jute; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to increase the raw material supply from Pakistan and if so, with what effect?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Indian Jute Mills Association have permitted their member mills to curtail production of jute goods so as to adjust their consumption of raw jute to available supplies until the new crop jute becomes available.

(b) Government have allowed imports of jute to meet the mills' requirements. These measures have contributed to a downward movement of the prices of raw jute which had risen to very high levels. Some mills are reported to have unsealed the looms sealed by them earlier due to shortage of raw jute.

सरकारी पदाधिकारियों द्वारा प्लाटों का खरीदा जाना

३७२. { डा० राम सुभग सिंह :
श्री रामेश्वर टांडिया :

क्या निर्माण, आवास और सम्भरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि किलोकड़ी, दिल्ली में मकान बनाने के लिये सस्ती दरों पर प्लाट खरीदने के बारे में कुछ कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध जांच की गई थी ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उन प्लाटों की बिक्री सम्बन्धी फाइलें गुम हो गई हैं ; और