

the Schedule or some such thing. Even then, for a period of ten years, the Tuensang area will be dealt with differently.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Hindu Minority Community in East Pakistan

*325. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a concerted drive to dispossess Hindus of East Pakistan of their residential property and industrial undertakings has been in operation in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop this and give protection to Hindus in East Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). No Sir. The Government of India are not aware of any such concerted drive.

A number of cases of forcible occupation and requisitioning of residential properties belonging to Hindus are however reported from time to time.

All these cases are promptly taken up by the Deputy High Commission of India, Dacca with the Pakistani authorities.

Export of Tapioca

*336. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is considerable scope for the export of Tapioca flour to Europe from India;

(b) whether the export of Tapioca flour has been going down since 1957;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to encourage export of Tapioca flour?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The export of Tapioca Flour during the years 1958 and 1959 was considerably higher than 1957. However, during 1960, the export has fallen down.

(c) Competition from other tropical countries.

(d) The situation is being watched and it is proposed to step up indigenous production of Tapioca.

Tibetan Refugees

{ **Shri Bishwanath Roy:**
*338. { **Shrimati Renuka Ray:**
 { **Shri Hem Barua:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tibetan refugees have begun to come to India from Nepal through Nautanwa and Sunauli, the border towns in district Gorakhpur (U.P.);

(b) if so, whether many of them are suspected to be spies; and

(c) whether proper arrangements have been made for strict watch over them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) 474 refugees have entered India through this route during the period February-October, 1960.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Shortage of Houses in Colliery Areas

*339. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's attention has been drawn to the re-