

(b) Departmental catering in hostels is not considered feasible and economical.

Radio-activity in India

- *227. { Shri Mahanty:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Jhulan Sinha:
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Shri Supakar:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Ramesh Prasad Singh:
Dr. Sushila Nayar:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable increase in the amount of radio-active fallouts in the atmosphere in India, on account of the recent Soviet tests; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to safeguard the population against its dangerous effects on human health?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes; there has been a considerable increase recently in the levels of environmental radio-activity in the country.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy is keeping a close watch on the levels of radioactivity in milk and food samples collected from different parts of the country. The Government will advise the public regarding the precautionary measures to be taken in the consumption of food stuffs etc., if such measures become necessary. For the present, the level of increase does not present a danger to the public health and no special steps are called for.

Craftsmen and Engineers for Third Plan

*228. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that for the successful implementa-

tion of different projects under the Third Five Year Plan India would need 13 lakhs of additional craftsmen, 8 lakhs being in engineering trade and the rest in non-engineering;

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to meet this demand; and

(c) in case steps are already taken, whether they are commensurate with the estimated demand?

The Deputy Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) It has been estimated that the total requirement of craftsmen during the Third Five Year Plan will be about 12.7 lakhs, 8 lakhs in engineering and the rest in non-engineering trades.

(b) and (c). During the Third Five Year Plan it is proposed to increase the number of Industrial Training Institutes from 167 with about 42,000 seats to 318 with about one lakh seats. This will provide about 2 lakh craftsmen during the Third Plan. Besides there are also other training schemes in both the public and private sectors which, it is expected, will meet the anticipated requirements.

Dock Labour Scheme at Cochin Fort

*229. **Shri Kodyan:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state what further progress has been made in the implementation of the Dock Labour Scheme at Cochin Port?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): It has not been possible to implement the Scheme so far due to certain disputes which have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal, Ernakulam, in June, 1961. The Tribunal's Award is awaited.

All-India Silk Research Institutions

*230. **Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the number of all-India silk research institutions;