

Rs. 2.69 lakhs have been sanctioned for a Work and Orientation Centre and Rs. 2.93 lakhs for the training of persons for absorption in two Production Centres to be established in Kerala. In addition, Rs. 16.9 lakhs were sanctioned for establishing Production Centres in that State.

1957-58—Rs. 3.04 lakhs have been sanctioned for a Work and Orientation Centre at Delhi.

(b) Pilot projects are started in the States where the problem of unemployment is acute.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether the Central Government have called for the schemes prepared by the State Governments?

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): Yes.

Dr. K. B. Menon: May I know the names of the States where this problem is most acute, and also whether Government have any proposals to meet the urgent needs of these States?

Shri Abid Ali: I have already mentioned the State of Kerala and the Union Territory of Delhi.

Shri Palanandi: Government used to have some technical centres for these unemployed people. May I know whether Government are having any plan to continue them, or whether they are thinking of abolishing them?

Shri Abid Ali: The technical centres continue.

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know whether in spite of all the efforts of the Government of India, during the last five years, the number of unemployed educated persons has gone up almost by a hundred per cent?

Shri Abid Ali: That is the hon. Member's opinion.

Shri Nanda: No such statistics have emerged from our studies.

Shri C. D. Pande: Has it not increased? That is what I want to know.

Shri Biren Roy: May I know if there is any project for the Calcutta urban area where unemployment has gone up by 40 per cent.?

Shri Abid Ali: We have already addressed the West Bengal Government.

बन्द कारखानों को पुनः चालू करना

*२५६. श्री प० ला० बाबुलाल : क्या बारिष्ण्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विभिन्न राज्यों में बन्द कारखानों को चालू करवाने या उन्हें भ्रपने हाथ में ले लेने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या नीति है ;

(ख) सरकार को यह विदित है कि बीकानेर का कांच का कारखाना पिछले कई वर्षों से बन्द पड़ा है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार का इसे पुनः खुलवाने या चालू कराने के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुमई शाह) :

(क) औद्योगिक संस्थाओं का प्रबन्ध भ्रपने हाथ में लेने के सवाल पर भारत सरकार उन्हीं मामलों में विचार करती है जबकि वे कारखाने उद्योग (विकास तथा नियमन) अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत भाते हैं और जांच पड़ताल के बाद सरकार यह महसूस करती है कि इन कारखानों का प्रबन्ध ठीक से नहीं हो रहा है तथा प्रबन्ध में परिवर्तन करने पर लाभ होगा ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) बीकानेर का कांच का कारखाना पिछले १० वर्षों से भी अधिक समय से नहीं चल रहा है और इस प्रकार वह उद्योग

(विकास तथा नियमन) अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत नहीं आता। इसलिए इस का प्रबन्ध अपने हाथ में लेने के प्रश्न पर विचार करने का भारत सरकार को अधिकार नहीं है। संयोग से वह कारखाना बहुत पुराना है और उसकी मशीनें भी अप्रचलित किस्म की हैं। इसलिए इसे चलाना बिलकुल लाभकर न होगा।

श्री बाकाशज : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि बीकानेर में कांच का कारखाना चलाने के लिए बहुत उत्तम प्रकार का पत्थर मिलता है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यह तो सही है कि वहाँ उत्तम प्रकार का पत्थर मिलता है। हिन्दुस्तान में और हिस्सों में भी ऐसा पत्थर मिलता है। इसलिए वहाँ कांच के कारखाने चल रहे हैं।

श्री बाकापाल : कांच के कारखाने के अलावा क्या वहाँ पर और भी इंडस्ट्रीज खोलने का विचार है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यह बात तो इस प्रश्न से सम्बन्ध नहीं रखती। हमारे पास बहुत से विचार हैं और वहाँ पर बहुत सी इंडस्ट्रीज खुल रही हैं।

Shri Palaniandi : Some years ago a textile factory was closed down in Madras. May I know whether any step has been taken to reopen it?

Shri Manubhai Shah : There has been recently a little paucity. About 6 factories are about to close down and Government are trying to intervene in the matter. Wherever practicable, agreements are reached between the labour and employers and we hope that we will be in a position to prevent many of the closures. That is under very constant watch by our Ministry.

Shri Shankariah : May I know whether any applications have been received and whether any investigations

are going on with regard to a paper mills in Mysore State?

Shri Manubhai Shah : So far no investigations have been undertaken.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon : May I know whether Government is prepared to consider individual cases of closure on merits?

Shri Manubhai Shah : As I said, the policy is that wherever Government thinks that it is in national interests, they consider it. If by renovating machinery or taking over the administration and changing hands, it is going to be profitable to national economy, certainly, every case will be considered.

Shri V. P. Nayar : There were only 3 or 4 units manufacturing calcium-carbide and one of which was closed down in Kerala. May I know whether Government have taken any steps to open it?

Shri Manubhai Shah : Of course, this does not arise from this particular question. But the hon. Member knows what efforts Government are making in the case of calcium carbide factories. We are trying to see that more and more units come in and we hope that, perhaps, very soon they may start production.

Shrines in India and Pakistan

*257. **Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the amount the Central Government spends annually over the maintenance and upkeep of the Muslim shrines in India.

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon) : No expenditure is incurred by the Central Government. The Governments of Punjab, Rajasthan and Pepsu (now merged with Punjab) are understood to have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 33,600/- on Muslim shrines in those States. The Government of West Bengal are reported to have sanctioned Rs. 26,665/- for repairs of mosques damaged during the disturbances of 1950.