

not have to meet the hardship of the rains that are impending?

Shri Datar: What can be done would be that sites should be selected and sites should be available for the villagers to construct temporary huts during this year. The question of constructing permanent huts or cottages or houses will be taken up next year.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know if the Government have in view any sites suggested by the State Government and if so, what are they?

Shri Datar: The Government will have before them the suggestions with regard to the sites in respect of all these 14 villages.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the Government will give any monetary help for the construction of temporary huts?

Shri Datar: Government would give them loan assistance for the construction of new structures.

Supply of C.I. Sheets to Assam

*549. **Shri Bhagavati:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that brick buildings are rare in Assam and Assam pattern houses are generally built with the C.I. Sheets roofing; and

(b) whether Government have considered the necessity of bigger quota of C.I. Sheets for the State of Assam?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Sardar Swaran Singh):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have considered the necessity of bigger quota of C.I. Sheets on the basis of certain *ad hoc* requests received from Assam Government, but have not been able to meet the demand fully due to shortage of materials.

Shri Bhagavati: May I know the quantity that has been sanctioned by the Central Government?

Sardar Swaran Singh: In April, 1957, the State Government requested for an allotment of 500 tons of C.I. sheets on account of the situation that arose there due to fire devastation. Out of this, 200 tons were allotted.

Shri Bhagavati: May I know on what basis the allotment is made—population basis or according to the requirement?

Sardar Swaran Singh: No; this question relates to *ad hoc* demands—There are certain regular demands according to which allocations are made every year. This quantity is in addition to the regular allotment that is made.

Mr. Speaker: So, it is not according to the population.

Sardar Swaran Singh: No; population is not the deciding factor in this case.

Shri Ranga: When the State Government wanted 500 tons, what was the criterion for the Government of India sanctioning only 200 tons? The State Government should be expected to know the actual needs of the people there in view of the outbreak of fire.

Sardar Swaran Singh: Non-availability of material was the factor which weighed with us in cutting down the allotment. We are trying to secure more; if it is available, we will give it.

Upgrading of Delhi, Kanpur and Madras

*550. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi, Kanpur and Madras cities will be upgraded to A class cities for the