

Shri Satish Chandra: An initial project report has been received from a firm in East Germany, and the estimated capital cost is expected to be a little over Rs. 6.5 crores.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Canteens in Mines

*741. **Shri Matin:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost of a canteen project as approved by the Chief Inspector of Mines;

(b) whether any quota of iron, steel and cement has been earmarked under the Second Five-Year Plan for the erection of mine canteens;

(c) whether Government prior to framing Rule 64 of the Mines Rules, 1955, ascertained that labourers in mining areas really want canteens; and

(d) whether Government have received and rejected any application from the Coal Industry for an amendment of Rule 64 of the Mines Rules, 1955 in connection with the compulsory establishment of canteens in mines employing more than 250 persons?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The cost of a canteen varies from Rs. 10,500 to Rs. 35,300 depending upon the size.

(b) No.

(c) The draft rules were published for criticism and no objections were then received from workers' organisations regarding provision of canteens.

(d) No.

Tea Plantation Employers

*744. **Shri Sadhan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain tea plantations employers adopt the practice

of dismissing and turning out of the garden all the members of a family employed in the garden if the head of that family happens to be dismissed;

(b) if so, the areas where such practice is most rampant; and

(c) whether it is proposed to bring forward any legislation to ban such practice?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). According to available information, the practice exists in West Bengal only.

(c) No. However, the Government of West Bengal have advised planters to stop this practice.

मलाया में स्वतन्त्रता दिवस स्मारोह

*७५३ श्रीराज जंकर लाल . क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मलाया में स्वतन्त्रता दिवस ३१ अगस्त, १९५७ को मनाया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उस में भारत की ओर से कौन-कौन से प्रतिनिधि भाग ले रहे हैं?

बैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री जी० ना० हजारीका) (क) जी हा ।

(ख) श्री एस० के० पाटिल, सिन्हाई तथा बिजली मंत्री, और श्री सादत अली खां, संसदीय सचिव भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व करेंगे और इन समारोहों में भाग लेंगे ।

Indian Films in Foreign Markets

*755. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Indian films have favourable market prospects in Iraq and other Middle East countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): Our Commercial Secretary in Iraq and the Indian Goodwill Trade Mission which visited Middle Eastern countries during the year 1954-55 have