

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: What exactly were the proposals by the Government, and the counter-proposals by the employers and employees?

Shri Abid Ali: Government thought that if As. 9 were agreed to, that would be fair to both the parties.

DISPUTES IN INSURANCE CONCERNS IN DELHI

***1082. Shrimati Sushama Sen:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) how many Industrial disputes in the Insurance Concerns in Delhi have been referred to the conciliation office since January, 1951;

(b) the dates when the Conciliation Officer submitted his reports and when the reports were received by the Ministry of Labour;

(c) whether any interim relief has been given to the employees concerned; and

(d) if not, what arrangements have been made for an early settlement of the disputes?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 32.

(b) Of the 32 cases, 14 were disposed of by the Conciliation Officer (Central), Delhi; 4 are pending in the Conciliation Officer's Office, and 8 are being considered in the Chief Labour Commissioner's Office. In the remaining six cases, the dates on which the reports were submitted by the Conciliation Officer to the Chief Labour Commissioner and those on which they were received in the Ministry are given in the Statement placed on the Table. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 22.]

(c) No. There is no statutory provision in regard to the grant of interim relief.

(d) Every effort is being made to expedite settlement of the disputes.

Shrimati Sushama Sen: May I know why any interim relief is not given to those who have been victimised, while there is delay in the Government machinery in disposing of the conciliation cases?

Shri Abid Ali: Of course, we will be happy if the employers would give relief, interim and otherwise also. But they are not willing to give.

STRIKE IN SOUTH BULLIAREE KENDWADIH COLLIERY

***1083. Shri N. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that about 2,400 miners of the South Bulliaree-Kendwadih Colliery have struck work?

(b) If so, since when and what is the total number of strikers?

(c) What are the demands of the strikers?

(d) Are they getting rice etc. at concessional rates?

(e) Is prospect of a settlement in view and if so, what are the difficulties which are delaying a settlement?

(f) What steps have been taken by Government so far in bringing about a settlement?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). Yes; out of 2,400 about 2,200 workers went on strike on the 23rd February 1953.

(c) A statement giving the demands of the workers is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 23.]

(d) The management had issued a notice to the workers that the strikers would not be entitled to rations at concessional rates during the period of the strike.

(e) and (f). Every effort was made by the officers of the Government Conciliation Department to bring about a settlement but without any tangible result. In the course of the Conciliation proceedings, the Union, however, dropped seven of its demands. Of the remaining nine demands, three were not considered fit for adjudication, three raised matters of common interest to all coal-miners which are receiving attention separately and the remaining three demands, namely, Nos. 3, 4 and 11 have been referred for adjudication. An order prohibiting continuance of the strike has also been issued.

Shri N. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, on what date has it been referred for adjudication?

Shri Abid Ali: Reference was made on 17th March 1953.

Shri Ramananda Das: May I know, Sir, whether the dismissal of Nokhari Sardar who joined the INTUC Union is the main cause of the strike?

Shri Abid Ali: No, Sir. According to our information, that was not the main reason.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether the workers on strike are going to be given rice at concessional rates at least on Government cost?

Shri Abid Ali: But the strike has now been withdrawn.

DAIRY COMMITTEE

*1085. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Dairy Committee convened by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met on the 12th March, 1953 at Poona?

(b) What are the recommendations of this Committee?

(c) Has this Committee or Government formulated any scheme whereby pure milk could be made available for at least the sickly, disabled and infant population of this country?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the recommendations made by this Committee has been placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24.]

(c) No.

Shri K. P. Sinha: Has the Government under contemplation any scheme for the production and supply of pure milk?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That is not our concern. It is the concern of the States. We do it only by way of experiment.

CUDDALORE NEW TOWN RAILWAY STATION

*1086. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Deputy Minister of Railways has recently visited Cuddalore New Town railway station, in Madras State?

(b) What is the progress of the remodelling work on the said railway station?

(c) When will it be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c): The work has been completed except for the provision of petty fittings. The supply and fixture of these fittings is expected to be completed by April 1953.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, when the estimates were sanctioned

and what is the reason for this inordinate delay?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As I stated, the whole thing will be completed by April 1953.

Shri Nambiar: What was the sanctioned amount and was the full amount utilised? My information is that 8 lakhs.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member need not give information. What is the amount spent?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: In 1947, the amount sanctioned was Rs. 7,69,500. Later on in 1949, the estimates were revised and in view of the economy effected in the country, they were Rs. 3,73,500.

Shri Nambiar: May I know what is the reason for such a large difference? An amount of 4 lakhs of rupees.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He said it was due to economy.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether by this economy the station will be a proper one or whether it will be cut?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As I said, Sir, in view of the economy drive, we had to cut it down. But in March 1950, in addition to Rs. 3,73,000 another sum of Rs. 1,84,000 was sanctioned and it has been taken up in the year 1950-51.

Shri Nambiar: One question more, Sir. This is a very serious thing.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member knows that other hon. Members also come from such places.

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*१०८८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत को कितने तेल बाहक जहाजों की आवश्यकता है ; और

(ख) इस समय भारत के पास कितने तेल बाहक जहाज हैं ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) It is estimated that about 25 oil tankers will be required to carry the whole of our imports of petroleum products.