

ADMINISTRATOR OF COMMUNITY PROJECT

*1255. **Dr. M. M. Das:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Administrator of Community Projects and a Member of the Planning Commission who had gone to West Bengal, in the month of July, 1953 to study and help in the solution of the problem of unemployment in that State, have submitted any report to the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the contents of their report in brief?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). It is not a fact that the visit to West Bengal was for this purpose. The discussions were purely informal and no report has been submitted.

Dr. M. M. Das: What was the subject matter of the discussion?

Shri Hathi: The subject matter of the discussion was that there was a talk about the possibility of organizing transport of coal by rail and road with the coal industry. The main talks that the Member had were with the representatives of the coal industry with regard to the transport of coal.

Dr. M. M. Das: I wanted to know whether the representatives of the Central Government did not consult the West Bengal Government about their problem of unemployment.

Shri Hathi: No. It was not meant for that. They did not go for that purpose and there was no formal discussion about this problem.

Dr. M. M. Das: Why did the Administrator of Community Projects go there?

Shri Hathi: The Administrator of Community Projects went there for the purpose of visiting the project centres.

Shri N. Somana: May I know whether Government have thought of solving rural unemployment through these community projects?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That does not arise out of this question. Next question.

COFFEE

*1256. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the prices of coffee since January 1953;

(b) how it compares with the current prices in the U. K. market;

(c) whether Government have issued directives regarding the releases of coffee through various channels and whether the quantities offered by the Board could not be disposed of;

(d) whether the organisations who received coffee at concession rates have asked permission of the Board to sell to private traders; and

(e) what steps do Government propose to take in the matter of the disposal of the undisposed stocks?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 18.]

(b) The current prices in the U.K. market are not available.

(c) Yes, Sir. In recent months, the quantities earmarked for supply through Cooperative Societies, propaganda units etc. have not been fully taken up.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) This question is under Government's consideration.

Shri A. M. Thomas: On going through the statement, I find, Sir, that the price has gradually come down. Does the Government think that it has now come down to a reasonable level?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: That is a matter of opinion. My personal opinion is that it has not.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know what the quantity of coffee is, that is expected to be consumed within the