

NATIONAL BUILDING ORGANISATION

*765. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 843 asked on the 1st April, 1953 and state whether the proposed National Building Organisation has been set up?

(b) If so, what is the nature of this Organisation?

(c) What will be the recurring and non-recurring expenditure of this Organisation?

(d) What is its programme of work for the first year?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) As stated in answer to starred question No. 358 on the 11th August, 1953, the proposed National Building Organisation is likely to be set up before the end of the current year.

(b) The actual constitution and structure of the organisation in detail, are still under consideration.

(c) It is difficult at this stage to hazard any figures about the expenditure likely to be involved.

(d) To co-ordinate research in building materials and building practices in this country as well as abroad and to make the results of such researches available to the building industry in the private and public sector in a form which would be readily appreciated by them.

KRUPP-RENN PROCESS

*766. **Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are negotiating with a German steel firm of Krupp or with some other German firm about the application of Krupp-Renn process of steel production in respect of their projected steel plant for the elimination of the use of coking coal?

(b) Have Government finally decided about the employment of this or any other process in their projected steel factory in this country?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The recent negotiations with German firms for technical and financial collaboration which resulted in an agreement being entered into between the Government of India and Messrs Krupps and Demag on the 15th August, 1953 were not on the basis of the Krupp-Renn process being adopted for the new plant. The particular process to be adopted will in fact be settled at a later stage on the basis of technical considerations. The suitability of the **Krupp-Renn Process** for the Iron and Steel Project was, however, investigated in 1952 and it was then considered that this process might not be suited to Indian conditions.

NILOKHERI PROJECT

*767. **Shri Hem Raj** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the amount spent so far on the Nilokheri Project?

(b) How many people have benefited by this Project?

(c) Is it a fact that unemployment is prevailing in that place?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) About rupees one crore.

(b) About 7,000 residents of the colony, 2,920 trained technicians from the Polytechnic and the people of the surrounding villages.

(c) No.

VISIT OF TEXTILE COMMISSIONER TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*768. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has been sent abroad to study the development of textile industry in foreign countries?

(b) What are the main subjects of study for which this visit has been arranged?

(c) What are the countries visited by the Textile Commissioner?