

circumstances in the future. The present policy is not to encourage non-Goans. Hon. Members will remember that there are Goans who are Indian nationals also. So, I use the word non-Goans rather than Indians.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

\*1156. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average about 50 per cent. of the Chemical Industry in this country has become idle; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or contemplated to be taken to make use of the same?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

### METALLURGICAL COAL

\*1159. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of metallurgical coal is in excess of India's industrial requirements;

(b) if so, by what percentage; and

(c) what will be the position when the new steel plant at Rourkela goes into production?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) It is presumed that the Member is referring to the requirements of the metallurgical industries. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Taking the production of selected grades A & B of metallurgical coal alone, which is at present used by the metallurgical industries, the present production is in excess of requirements by approximately 100 per cent.

(c) The production will be in excess of requirements by about 25 per cent., taking selected grades A & B alone.

### REHABILITATION OF UNATTACHED WOMEN

\*1162. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for co-operative rehabilitation of unattached women from East Pakistan has recently been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the number of women who would be rehabilitated under the scheme;

(c) the amount sanctioned for it; and

(d) whether a production centre would also be opened under the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle):** (a) Yes.

(b) 250 unattached women.

(c) Rs. 3,71,980.

(d) Yes.

### FIRE IN CENTRAL SECRETARIAT

\*1164. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) how many times fire has broken out in the Central Secretariat during the period, January 1953 to July 1954;

(b) the estimated loss of the property in these fire accidents; and

(c) the number of cases in which inquiries were made?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) Although fire broke out in a technical sense on eight occasions during this period, only two of them could really properly be so called.

(b) About Rs. 85,200.

(c) Enquiries were made in every instance. In the case of the two major fires they were necessarily more elaborate.