

Shri Radha Raman: Is it a fact that some units had to close down recently?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: According to my records the only unit which produces ball-bearings is the National Bearing Co. Ltd., of Jaipur. That is in production at present.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if this Company has received any help from the Government and, if, so on what terms?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: If the hon. Member means financial help, I do not think so.

Shri A. C. Guha: Has the reparations machinery been given to them?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Again I would require notice if the reference is to the reparations machinery.

INSULATED COPPER WIRES

***2055. Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of insulated winding copper wires in India;

(b) the units producing these; and

(c) the average annual requirements?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 296 tons in 1951.

(b) M/s. Indian Cable Co. Ltd., Tatanagar and M/s. National Insulated Cable Co. of India Ltd., Shamnagar.

(c) 1,400 tons.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if the Government has got any terms to help these companies or any of them?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I would like that question to be elucidated, Sir, I do not know what terms the hon. Member has in mind.

Shri A. C. Guha: Have the Government rendered any help to the Indian Cable Company and on what terms?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: If the help is by way of technical assistance, help in the procurement of raw materials, grant of import licences; the Government are continually rendering them all help. If the hon. Member has in mind anything else, I am unable to answer that just now.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether the National Insulated Cable Co. is an Indian Company or a British Company incorporated in India?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I would require notice.

FAMILIES SETTLED IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBARS

***2056. Shri Balmiki:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families settled in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 1951-1952; and

(b) the facilities given to them?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 90 families.

(b) 25 families were advanced loans at the rate of Rs. 2,000 per family for house building, bullocks, agricultural implements, seeds, maintenance and passage etc. They were also given 10 acres of land per family and exempted from land revenue for 2 years. Facilities for cutting timber free of cost from Government forests for construction of houses were also given to them.

The remaining 65 families were advanced loans at the rate of Rs. 1,500 per family for maintenance, house building and trade. Each family was also given a plot of land measuring 1/3rd of an acre for the construction of a house.

श्री बाल्मीकी : इन पुरुषार्थी फ़ैमिलीज को बसाने में अब तक सरकार को कितना खर्चा करना पड़ा है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : यह तो मैं नहीं कह सकता कि कितना खर्चा अभी तक हुआ है, लेकिन ९० परिवार बसाये हैं, और ओसत खर्चा फ़ी परिवार करीब १५०० और २००० रुपये के बीच में है।

श्री बाल्मीकी : पूर्वी बंगाल से आये हुए पुरुषार्थियों की कितनी फ़ैमिलीज अब तक बसाई गई है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : यह तो आंकड़े में कई दफा दे चुका हूँ, ज़गनी तो मैं बिल्कुल ठीक ठीक नहीं बतला सकता, लेकिन यह करीब ४००-४५० परिवार होंगे।

श्री बाल्मीकी : अभी और कितनी फ़ैमिलीज को इस स्थान में बसाया जा सकता है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : वैसे तो वहाँ भूमि काफी है, लेकिन यह इस बात पर मुन्नहसिर करता है कि वहाँ पर हमें कितना जंगल रखना है, और कितनी भूमि हमें साफ़ करनी है। हमने एक योजना भी बनाई है जिसके अनुसार हमारी दो या तीन हज़ार परिवारों को बसाने की स्कीम है, लेकिन मैं अभी कह नहीं सकता कि वहाँ पर कितने परिवार बसाये जायेंगे।

Shri Kakkan: May I know whether the Government is having this plan on a permanent basis or on a temporary basis?

Shri A. P. Jain: On a permanent basis, Sir.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how much sum has been set apart for the development of the areas where these displaced persons are living and how much for the reclamation of other places?

Shri A. P. Jain: In fact, the reclamation is done by the Home Ministry, and my Ministry sends only refugees for settlement there. We are giving a certain amount of assistance, about which I have given details in this House more than once.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : पिछड़ी हुई जातियों के वहाँ पर पूर्वी बंगाल से कितने लोग आये हैं, नै यह सवाल इसलिये पूछना चाहता हूँ, क्योंकि पूर्वी बंगाल में हम लोगों की काफी तादाद है ?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member need not give the reasons; he can just ask for information. What is the information which he requires?

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : मैं मन्त्री महोदय से यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि पूर्वी बंगाल से जो लोग इधर आये हैं, उन में हमारे अछूत भाइयों की क्या तादाद है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : इस विषय में हमारे पास कोई आंकड़े नहीं हैं जिनसे मैं उन अछूत भाइयों की तादाद बता सकूँ, हम अछूतों और दूसरी जातियों में कोई भेदभाव नहीं

रखते और सब को बराबरी का स्थान देते हैं।

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know whether any other families have gone there not on Government's initiative?

Shri A. P. Jain: Not to my knowledge.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether there were any requests from these families for more facilities?

Shri A. P. Jain: For those who go to Andamans, facilities are given on a much higher scale than for those going elsewhere.

SHELLAC AND RAW LAC

***2057. Shri Jasani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) how much raw lac was annually produced in India in the years 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 and in what States;

(b) how much of this produce was exported to foreign countries during this period in the shape of shellac and raw lac and to what countries;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the export trade of this commodity during this period; and

(d) the market prices of shellac and raw lac during the period mentioned above and the prices now prevailing?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (d). Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 12).

(b) and (c). Attention is invited to the printed publication "Accounts relating to the Foreign Sea and Air borne Trade and Navigation of India for March, 1952" which contains the required information.

Shri Jasani: May I know whether it is a fact that India produces a major portion of the world's consumption of lac?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to find out what percentage we produce in this country.

Shri Jasani: From the statement I find that the price of lac is falling daily. May I know whether it is due to the foreign interests controlling the whole business here?

Shri Karmarkar: The demand for lac which had risen in India was owing