

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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LOK SABHA

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1954

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AUCTION OF EVACUEE HOUSES

*1476. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the total number of plots and evacuee houses that were to be sold in open auction by Government in the various States;

(b) the number of plots and houses that have been sold so far by Government; and

(c) when the auctions are likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any record is being kept of the cases where the displaced persons in possession of the evacuee houses are not able to buy them and shall have to vacate those premises?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: We will keep such records.

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RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED PERSONS

*1477. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 27 on the 23rd August, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the two High Powered Officers of India and Pakistan have submitted their recommendations to their respective Governments;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations have been considered and decision taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken for the implementation of the decisions taken on the question of recovery of abducted persons?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Two officers of the Fact Finding Commission have been selected by both the countries. Steps are being taken to set up Special Homes. Besides the above, facilities to the relatives of recovered persons have been extended and speedy implementation of the decisions of the Tribunal has been ensured.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether in implementing these recommendations, there has been any strengthening of the organisation from both sides?

Sardar Swaran Singh: If by this question the intention of the hon. Member is, strengthening by adding numbers, there has not been any appreciable addition to the numbers of the staff.