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LOK SABHA

Tuesday, 23rd November, 1954

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CANAL WATER DISPUTE

*272. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two-men World Bank Mission which came to Delhi and Karachi during September, 1954 to further negotiate for the settlement of Canal Water Dispute between India and Pakistan has reported to the World Bank;

(b) if so, the nature of their report;

(c) whether any tripartite talks to solve this problem are likely to be held; and

(d) if so, where and when?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) and (b). The Government of India have not received a copy of any such report.

(c) and (d). Yes. The talks will begin in Washington on December 6, 1954.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस सिलसिले में कोई शार्ट टर्म अर्रन्जमेंट हो रहा है ?

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श्री हाथी : हो रहा है, लेकिन अभी तक नहीं हुआ है ।

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : कब तक होने की सम्भावना है और इस पर कब तक बात-चीत शुरू होगी ?

श्री हाथी : ६ दिसम्बर को जब वह मिलेंगे, तब होगी ।

IRON

*279. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of iron decreased in August 1954 as compared to July, 1954;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the causes of the shortfall?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. Not if all types of iron are taken into account.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

COTTON

*280. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been recently any decrease in the import of long staple cotton; and

(b) what incentive is being given for the production of short staple cotton?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) None, because we are aiming at an increase in the production of medium and long staple types.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know how much decrease there has been?

Shri Kanungo: Formerly the production of long staple cotton used to be 19 per cent. of the total production. Now it is 35 per cent., in 1953-54.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether any attempt has been made to use short staple cotton in the place of long staple cotton?

Shri Kanungo: It is not possible; and what we are aiming at in short staple cotton is to improve the quality by the introduction of better varieties.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: The hon. Deputy Minister said that it is impossible to use short staple cotton instead of long staple cotton. Is the hon. Deputy Minister aware that on the 18th February, 1954 Mr. A. C. Guha, Deputy Minister of Finance told the House that long staple cotton has to be imported and that the Government is attempting to substitute the use of long staple cotton by the use of short staple cotton?

Shri Kanungo: Obviously, because long staple cotton is costly. But the consumers' demands are now more for long staple fabrics than for fabrics made out of short staple cotton.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether under the Sea Customs (Amendment) Act any claim has been made for the refund of cotton duty?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, it must have been.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: What has been paid so far?

Shri Kanungo: That question has to be directed to the Finance Ministry

MIGRANTS FROM EAST BENGAL

*281. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the number of migrants from East Bengal to West Bengal during each month from July to October 1954; and

(b) the number of such migrants taken to the Worksite and other camps and otherwise dealt with?

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

July	6,210 persons
August	8,127 "
September	10,644 "
October	10,352 "
TOTAL	35,333 "

(b) 21,544 persons.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether any number of these persons are still remaining in the Sealdah station or any other place without any shelter?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: No, Sir.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether the plan that as soon as the migrants arrive in India they would be taken direct to the work site camp is being properly worked out now?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: In certain cases it is, but also in certain cases instead of taking them to the work site camp they are taken to transit camps.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know what number of these people belong to the cultivator class?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: It will be very difficult to give that number now, but if the hon. Member tables a question on that I will certainly answer it.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether any of these people have been rehabilitated by this time?

Shri J. K. Bhonsle: Probably not, Sir.

Shri Amjad Ali: Have they all been registered as displaced persons?