

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** All that I can say is that we had a discussion, almost a full-dress discussion on this particular matter, and certain lines of thought have developed. All these have to be investigated.

**Shri Sanganna :** May I know the impression of the hon. Minister as to the progress of work in regard to this plant ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** One should think, in the circumstances, that the progress is satisfactory.

#### Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons

\*33. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee :** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at a recent conference of to -level officials, certain areas outside West Bengal where displaced persons might be rehabilitated, have been decided upon ; and

(b) if so, the names of those areas ?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna) :** (a) and (b). Yes. The question of rehabilitation of East Bengal displaced persons outside West Bengal was considered by the National Development Council at its meeting held on 6th May 1955, and it was decided that lands for such displaced persons should be located in the States of Orissa, Andhra, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Vindhya Pradesh, and other States.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee :** May I know if any special steps are being taken to ensure the maximum possible number of displaced persons being rehabilitated in contiguous provinces like Assam or Bihar, which would help the process of rehabilitation ?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna :** Now the problem is far bigger than rehabilitating the persons who are coming from East Bengal in the neighbouring provinces of Assam, Bihar and Orissa. The number of displaced persons there is already fairly large. So, with a view to meet the increasing influx from East Pakistan, we have to locate other areas for them these may not be in the vicinity of West Bengal.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty :** May I know if the policy of Government is that there is no free land to be reclaimed in West Bengal, or is it that they are thinking of reclaiming these areas in West Bengal ?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna :** The policy of Government is to accommodate or rehabilitate displaced persons within Bengal, Assam, Orissa and Bihar, as many as possible. But the number in West Bengal is already over 28,00,000 and according to our information, we have really reached the saturation point. But if any lands do become available, we will consider them.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty :** May I know if it is a fact that a proposal in regard to over 1,00,000 acres of paddy land inundated by saline water has been put forward before Government for reclamation and whether Government have taken any steps in regard to it ?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna :** If the information is given to me by the hon. Member, I can promise that I will look into it.

**Dr. Rama Rao :** May I know if any new and liberal steps have been taken to induce these people to go to Andamans ?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna :** There is already a fixed quota for Andamans. That quota has not yet been exhausted. We are to send about 4,000 families to Andamans and we have only been able to send about 1,000. After that quota has been exhausted sending of more families to Andamans can be considered.

#### Atomic Research

\*36. **Shri N. M. Lingam :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the nature of assistance received from foreign countries for the development of atomic research ?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) :** India is in close touch with other countries for cooperation and collaboration in atomic research and has formal Agreements with some of them. The assistance received is in the nature of facilities for training of Indian personnel supply of literature, technical know-how of processes, procurement of specialised equipment and supply of fuel elements for reactors.

**Shri N. M. Lingam :** May I know...

**Shri Meghnad Saha :** May I know if the Government...

**Mr. Speaker :** The convention has been that the person who has put the question will be given the first chance. Hon. Member will bear that in mind and then try to catch the eye of the Chair.

**Shri N. M. Lingam :** May I know if India is in the list of nations or countries who receive fissionable material and assistance for the construction of reactors from the United States Government ?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru :** I do not know to what list the hon. Member is referring—that list must be kept in Washington presumably, not with us. We are in friendly and co-operative relations in this matter with several countries