

डा० सत्यबाबी : क्या यह बात सही है कि पक्की गलियां और नालियां बनाने की इंडस्ट्रीज और दूसरे ऐसे कामों में इन केन्द्रों में हरिजन आबादियों के साथ आम तौर पर सीतेली मां जैसा सलूक किया जा रहा है ?

श्री एस० एन० मिश्र : जी, इसकी बुनियाद तो कोई मालूम नहीं होती ।

डा० सत्यबाबी : इस बुनियाद को मालूम करने के लिये क्या सरकार ऐसा मुनासिब समझती है कि हरिजन अपलिफ्ट के कामों के मुताल्लिक कोई प्रोग्रेस रिपोर्ट भलग मांगी जाये ?

श्री एस० एन० मिश्र : ऐसी प्रोग्रेस रिपोर्ट मांगने की तो कोई खास जरूरत महसूस नहीं की जाती, लेकिन जहां इस तरह की शिकायतें हों, उनकी सूचना सरकार को देनी चाहिये ।

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether in the budgets for the community projects and NES blocks any amount is specially allocated for the welfare of the Harijans and such other backward classes?

Shri S. N. Mishra: As I had already submitted, this programme is meant for the development of the entire rural community in the area without any discrimination whatsoever. So, no such allocation is made for any particular class.

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): In any allocations that are made and the programmes that are being worked out special care is taken that expenditure is directed towards these areas and groups which need it most and where development has been delayed.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether any attempt is being made in order to remove the *cheris* in the community project and NES areas and, if so, what are they?

Cheri is a place where Harijans are segregated and several hundreds of them will be there in the community project areas. May I know whether any special care is being taken to remove them?

Shri S. N. Mishra: I could not follow it.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Sometime back the Prime Minister was placed to state that to have a *cheri* is an ugly sight in

India. In view of that, have any steps been taken to remove the segregated area known as *cheris* where Harijans alone are being inhabited?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It is a Harijan basti.

Shri S. N. Mishra: So far as these segregations are concerned, I have submitted that this programme is for the development of the entire rural community and if such areas as the hon. Member had said exist, they will receive particular attention.

Atomic Energy

*171. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Egypt have agreed to exchange information on atomic energy; and

(b) if so, whether any specific steps have been taken in this direction?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). No formal agreement has been reached between India and Egypt to exchange atomic energy information. India has however agreed to assist Egypt generally in the field of atomic energy by making available training facilities particularly in nuclear science, electronics instrumentation and geological survey.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any persons from Egypt have come over to India for such training?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think so; I know they have not come yet.

Shri Kamath: Has the Egyptian Government set up an atomic research department or atomic energy commission as we have done?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: May we know whether Egypt or any other country had sought to purchase monazite from this country and whether Government intends to sell to any of them?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Not Egypt. But some countries have sought to purchase monazite from us. I do not think that Egypt is at present in a position to utilise it with advantage.