

ments. Therefore, our efforts are to diversify our trade, and when I was in West Germany I contacted several associations of merchants. It is quite possible that if our traders, with the help of our Government, make intensive efforts in Germany, there is ample market for jute, tea, cotton, textiles, shellac and various other commodities. But, as my hon. colleague has stated, we have to import capital goods. So, we must exert ourselves to the utmost to sell more to Germany through efforts between merchants and merchants and between government and merchants.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I just want to ask one question.

Mr. Speaker: I have already allowed more than seven questions.

Buildings for Central Government Offices in Chandigarh

*506. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals under the consideration of Government to build multi-storeyed buildings at Chandigarh to accommodate Central Government offices in that place;

(b) if so, whether estimates and plans have been prepared; and

(c) the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Yes.

(b) The estimates and plans are under preparation.

(c) In a multi-storeyed building accommodation is proposed to be provided for the following offices:

- (i) Central Board of Revenue—(17,000 sq. ft.).
- (ii) Central Public Works Department—(2,000 sq. ft.).
- (iii) Ministry of Home Affairs—(15,000 sq. ft.).

Shri Ram Krishan: May I know whether it is a fact that the Central Government have purchased many buildings from the Punjab Government for accommodating Central Government offices?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We have not bought any house in Chandigarh.

श्री भक्त वर्मान : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो चंडीगढ़ में मकान खरीदे जा रहे हैं, कब तक उस बारे में फैसला हो जायेगा और कब तक यह मकान बन जायेंगे ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I indicated in my answer that the plans and estimates are under preparation.

कपड़ा मिलों के मजदूर

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*५०७. { श्री रामेश्वर दादिया :
श्री भक्त वर्मान :

क्या श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कपड़ा मिलों के बन्द हो जान से इस समय कितने मजदूर बेकार हो गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या बंगाल की कपड़ा की मिलों में काम करने वाले मजदूरों को बम्बई और मद्रास की मिलों में काम करने वाले मजदूरों से कम मजूरी मिलती है ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम उपमंत्री (श्री प्राणिवर शर्मा): (क) जनवरी, १९५८ से ३४,८६० ।

(ख) जी हाँ ।

(ग) पश्चिमी बंगाल के कपड़ा मिलों में मजदूरों के महंगाई भत्ते की दर कम है ।

Shri Rameshwar Tanti: When the Government chooses to re-start some of the mills may I know whether the labourers will get their accumulated wages for the intervening period?

Shri Abid Ali: No, Sir.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon. Minister has stated that about 34,000 labourers are idle. May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the hon. Minister that lay-off wages have not been paid in two mills in Kanpur to the tune of Rs. 2 lakhs to 3 lakhs? What steps are being taken to see that the wages are paid?

Shri Abid Ali: Workers will get whatever amount they should get according to the rules under the Industrial Disputes Act. In cases where it is not being observed, when brought to our notice, we forward it to the State Governments concerned, who are administering this particular item.

Shri Rameshwar Tanti: As the textile industry is in trouble just now, may I know whether Government will examine the wages given to the labourers in the various States and industries and fix them in such a way that no particular State or industry suffers?

Shri Abid Ali: The Wage Board has already been appointed for this industry. So, this item will certainly be taken up by them.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: What about workers participating in the management?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon. Minister has stated that there is some difference between West Bengal and other States in the matter of wages and dearness allowance. He has also stated that a Wage Board has been appointed. May I know when the Wage Board is going to submit its report?

Shri Abid Ali: It will take some more months' time.

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Raja Mahendra Pratap: Are the workers associated with the management of the Mills?

Shri Abid Ali: Not in this case.

श्री रा० क० वर्मा : क्या श्रीमन् को यह ज्ञात है कि बंगाल की टेक्सटाइल इंडस्ट्री में काम करने वाले मजदूरों को बम्बई और धर्मदाबाद की मिलों में काम करने वाले मजदूरों की अपेक्षा कम मंहगाई भत्ता मिलता है और वह समझौता एटक से सम्बन्धित ट्रेड यूनियन ने किया था ?

श्री सावित्र धली : बदकिस्मती है कि कहीं कहीं कुछ ऐसे लोग भी वर्कर्स पर प्रभावित हो गये हैं जो कि इनके संगठन के मामले को ध्यान रख करके सियामत उसमें शामिल कर देते हैं और इसलिये वह पीछे रहते हैं जैसे कि बदकिस्मती से खामती से बंगाल में हुआ है जहां पर कि वर्कर्स को सिर्फ ६० रुपये मिलते हैं जब कि बम्बई में ११४ रुपये मिलते हैं जहां के वर्कर्स आई० एन० टी० यू० सी० के सम्बन्धित हैं ।

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I have already allowed some questions.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon. Minister has stated.....

Mr. Speaker: We cannot go into details

श्री भक्त बर्मान : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे एक प्रश्न पूछ लेने दिया जाय। मेरा नाम भी उसमें है, मुझे कम से कम एक प्रश्न तो पूछ लेने दिया जाय ।

Mr. Speaker: But he did not get up.

श्री भक्त बर्मान : मैं चार, पांच बार सडा हुआ ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं तो देखा था, खैर आप अपना एक प्रश्न पूछ लीजिये ।

श्री जगत दर्शन : माननीय मंत्री ने बताया कि जनवरी में बेरोजगार मजदूरों की संख्या ३४,८६० थी। क्या वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय क्या स्थिति है और उनको रोजगार दिलाने के लिये क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

श्री आबिद अली : इस सम्बन्ध में तो प्रश्न संख्या ५०२ के अन्तर्गत काफी बहस मुवाहिदा प्राज ही इस सदन में हो चुका है।

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister has stated that 34,890 workers are thrown out as a result of the closure. May I know whether it is as a result of the total closure of 32 mills or whether it includes also those persons who are partially employed as a result of the partial closure of the 36 other mills?

Shri Abid Ali: In answer to question 502 this matter was sufficiently discussed. My hon. colleague, Shri Manubhai Shah, has made this quite clear.

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): It is both.

Mr. Speaker: Shri H. N. Mukerjee, Shri Muhammed Elias, Shri Shree Narayan Das.

Shri Raghunath Singh: My question No. is 510.

Mr. Speaker: I have not come up to that. As Shri Shree Narayan Das is not here, we will take up the next question.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Question 510.

Shri Tangamani: Shri Shree Narayan Das is here. He is one of the sponsors of the question.

Mr. Speaker: He did not get up when I called his name. If he does not want to ask the question, I cannot force him.

An Hon. Member: He has asked it now.

Mr. Speaker: When I call an hon. Member he must ask his question.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: My name was not printed in the list of questions and that is why I did not ask it.

Mr. Speaker: I have got his name here. Very well, he may ask it now.

U.K. Transit Camps for Gurkha Recruits

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*500 { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the camps maintained in Indian territory by the United Kingdom Government for the reception and transit of Gurkha recruits to its army have been completely wound up; and

(b) if not, how long is the winding-up likely to take?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Of the two main depots at Lehra and Jalapahar, the one at Jalapahar has already been closed down. The other is expected to be wound up in March 1959. In addition, there is a small transit camp at Barrackpore.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether just near the border in the territory of Nepal the British Government are having a camp and whether some British soldiers are going to be stationed there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We do not know what is happening in Nepal.

Mr. Speaker: It is not in Indian territory. Therefore they do not know what exactly is happening elsewhere.

Shrimati Bona Chakravarty: For closing down these recruiting centres attempts have been going on for four years now. Why is it taking such a long time?