

**Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Yes, Sir. All administrative centres which were functioning in NEFA immediately before the Chinese attack of 1962 have been re-established.

**Employment in Steel Processing Industries**

2094. **Shri Shashi Ranjan:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of labour employed in steel processing and steel fabricating industries;

(b) whether the employment in the above industries during the last six months is on the increase or decrease; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full employment in these industries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya):** (a) to (c). Information is not available.

**Social Security Schemes**

2095. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

— (a) whether it has been decided to utilize the services of voluntary agencies for the administration of the social security schemes; and

(b) if so, the criteria adopted for the selection of the voluntary agency?

**The Minister of Labour and Employment (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) and (b). The Relief and Assistance Fund Scheme circulated to State Governments for implementation on a pilot basis, provides for grant of assistance to handicapped persons through Social Assistance Bureaux to be set up by Civil Bodies. Under the Scheme, the State Governments who will be responsible for its overall control, may also ask well-established voluntary organisations like the Bharat Sevak Samaj, the Rama Krishna Mission and the Red Cross Society, through the Civic Bodies, to undertake the work of social assistance on a similar basis.

It is expected that only such agencies as are well-established and organised and have a standing and reputation recognised all over the country or in a particular State should be entrusted with the implementation of the scheme.

**Beacon Project**

2096. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 442 on the 25th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether any irregularities or malpractices have been alleged against the Beacon Project and found correct;

(b) whether any inquiry is in progress; and

(c) if so, by whom?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** (a) to (c). Some allegations of corruption on the part of some officials of Western Base Workshop are being investigated by the S.P.E. The investigation is in progress.

**परमवीर चक्र**

२०६७. श्री तन सिंह : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल में प्रदत्त तीन परमवीर चक्रों के अतिरिक्त स्वतन्त्रता प्राप्ति के बाद अब तक और कितने परमवीर चक्र प्रदान किये गये हैं;

(ख) ये किस-किस को प्रदान किये गये और कब किये गये ; और

(ग) उनके परिवारों को क्या-क्या ऋण अथवा आर्थिक सहायता के रूप में पुरस्कार दिये गये ?

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