

have already been absorbed. Besides, alternative employment has been found at Loktak, Giri-Bata, Chukha and other Projects.

(XI) The Beas Project Administration has recently formed a 'Beas Project Workers Cooperative Society' to send retrenched Beas Workers to Foreign Countries and got itself registered with the Ministry of Labour, Overseas Employment Cell. The Ministry of Labour has granted certificate of registration on the condition that the recruitment work for overseas employment undertaken by the Society will be confined to surplus employees of Beas Project.

(c) There are public sector construction and engineering Corporations in which trained personnel are being employed. Retrenched workers of the Beas Project can contact these Organisations, which may absorb suitable persons to the extent required. The retrenched workers can also contact the Placement Cell functioning in the Project

Payment of dues by Large Industrial Units to Small Scale Sector

1948. SHRI GANGADHAR APPA BURANDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large industrial units defaulting in timely payment of dues to the small scale sector, will be denied bank credit in future; and

(b) if so, how will it be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir; the Ministry of Finance has requested the Reserve Bank of India to consider the problem, in all its respects, of delay in payment of bills by the large units and evolve a strategy to solve the difficulties of small units.

(b) Does not arise.

Special Cell for suitable environment for Prohibition

1949. SHRI SARAT KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special cell has been created in the Directorate of Information and Publicity to create suitable environment for prohibition; and

(b) if so, the procedure adopted in this regard and progress so far achieved and the steps taken by Government to create mass awakening in the people against the evil of drinking?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). While there is no special cell, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have adopted Prohibition as a major campaign theme, and the media units under it are carrying out sustained motivational and educational publicity on Prohibition in every possible manner. The evil effects of drinking and the need for Prohibition are being projected by All India Radio, Doordarshan, Directorate of Field Publicity, Song and Drama Division, Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, Films Division, etc., through all available formats of publicity such as plays, talks, discussion, interviews films, folk media etc.

बिहार के छोटा नागपुर और संथाल परगना की श्राविक स्थिति का सर्वेक्षण

1950. श्री रीत लाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार के दक्षिणी भागों में छोटा नागपुर और संथाल परगना के मूल निवासी गरीबी के स्तर से भी नीचे रह रहे हैं और योजना के मामले में इस क्षेत्र को प्रणतया उपेक्षित कर दिया गया है यद्यपि यह क्षेत्र खनिज, जल और वन संसाधनों में भारत के क्षेत्रों में सबसे अधिक समृद्ध है; और