have been some cases in which the houses could not be constructed, but in 95 per cent. of the cases the constructions could not be completed because the refugee did not contribute his share of the contribution.

Oral Answers

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Was there any condition precedent for the refugees contributing any share in respect of urban houses?

Shri A. P. Jain: So far as urban housing loans up to Rs. 1,250 are concerned no such condition existed, where it exceeded Rs. 1,250 and went up to Rs. 5,000 the refugee had to contribute 25 per cent.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether any interest is charged on this?

Shri A. P. Jain: Yes, interest is charged.

Shri Gidwani: What are the terms of the loans, when will they have to be returned and what will be the rate of interest?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Are there no announcements issued about these?

Shri A. P. Jain: A number of announcements have been issued, they are all mentioned in the report, and many questions have been asked on this.

Shri Thanu Pillai: May I know whether the sum of Rs. 2.7 crores given to West Bengal is by way of grant or loan?

Shri A. P. Jain: Loan.

Shri B. K. Das: Are these loans, house building loans and business loans, given in one instalment or in more than one instalment?

Shri A. P. Jain: House building loans are generally given in two instalments. Business loans are given in one instalment.

COMPENSATION FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

*1686. Shri Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken by the Government of India with regard to the rate of compensation to be paid to the displaced persons from West Pakistan in respect of their properties left behind in that country?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): The matter is under the consideration of the Government and a decision is likely to be reached soon.

Shri Bahadur Singh: How long would it take for the Government to

come to a decision with regard to this problem?

Shri A. P. Jain: The Sub-Committee has finished its proceedings and now it will go to the Cabinet.

Shri Bahadur Singh: What are the reasons for this delay?

Shri A. P. Jain: I don't accept that there has been any delay.

Shri Gidwani: Has the attention of Government been drawn to a report published in a section of the press this morning that the Cabinet Committee yesterday came to no decision regarding the compensation scheme as the Finance Ministry was not agreeable to any contribution from the Government to the compensation pool?

Shri A. P. Jain: Government very seriously deprecates all these speculatory reports.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the evacuee property has been assessed and verified and if so, what is the amount of verification reached?

Shri A. P. Jain: The value of the evacuee property has been assessed. The figures will be given at the appropriate time.

Shri Gidwani: Do I understand that there is no truth in this report?

منستر آف ایجوکیشن ایند انهچرل ریسرسیز ایند سائنتیفک ریسرپ (مولانا آزاد): کیملیت نے ایک سپ کمیتی باائی - اس نے جلسے کئے ارر اب وہ اپنی رپورت کیملیت میں بھیج رهی هے - اس استیج میں ظاهر هے که گورنملت اس پوزیشن میں نہیں هے که کوئی بات بھی کہه سکے

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): The Cabinet set up a sub-Committee After holding its meetings, it is now sending its report to the Cabinet. It is clear that at this stage Government are not in a position to say anything definite.]

PAKISTAN SECURITIES

*1687. Sardar Hukam Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether there is any estimate of the value of Pakistan Securities and shares held by Indian citizens on the 27th February, 1951 and the 31st December, 1952?