

TRAINING IN DAM CONSTRUCTION

*226. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 451 asked on the 3rd March, 1953, and state whether the scheme to give advanced training to engineers in design and in the construction of dams and bridges has been finalised?

(b) If so, what are the important features of the scheme?

(c) What will be the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

BUILDING WORKS

*227. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 101 asked on the 17th February, 1953 and state whether the report of the Committee of Experts for building works has been considered and decision taken thereon by Government?

(b) What are the important recommendations made by this Committee which have been accepted by Government?

(c) To what extent have the accepted recommendations been given effect to?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The report of the Committee has been under consideration, and decisions have been taken on certain recommendations of the Committee.

(b) and (c). Government have accepted the recommendation regarding the setting up of the National Building Organisation. The Committees' recommendations regarding the planning of construction and provision of budget grant in advance, standardisation of quality of materials, standards of accommodation and construction economy through architectural and structural design, and

prompt payment to contractors are also generally acceptable to Government.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY WORKING PARTY

*229. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations made by the Working Party on Textile Industry;

(b) how many of them have been accepted by Government;

(c) the reasons for not accepting the other recommendations; and

(d) whether Government have set up an Inspectorate to advise the Industry in the matter of quality control?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnaasachari):

(a) These are contained in Chapter XV of the Report, copies of which have been placed in the Library of the House.

(b) and (c). The report is under examination.

(d) The question is under consideration.

संसद् सदस्यों के लिये फ्लैट

*२३०. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : (क)

क्या निर्माण, रसद गृह-व्यवस्था तथा संभरण मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि संसद् सदस्यों के फ्लैट जो पहले के बने हैं तथा जो अब नये बनाये जा रहे हैं उन की लागत में कितने रुपये का अन्तर है ?

(ख) इन नये बने फ्लैट में जो सुव्यवस्था के हेतु सामान दिये गये हैं वे पहले बने फ्लैट में दिये गये सामानों से कम कीमत के हैं कि अधिक ?

(ग) यदि अधिक या कम हैं तो कितना ?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (c). A statement is laid on the

Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 69.]

(b) Certain items of furniture provided in the old flats have not been supplied in new flats, resulting in reduction of cost. But greater comfort in these flats has been provided by addition of court-yards to 'B' type flats on the ground floor and making the verandahs in 'B' and 'C' types wider by one foot.

पाकिस्तान को खाद का संभरण

*२३१. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह तथ्य है कि सिवरी से पाकिस्तान को पन्द्रह हजार टन खाद भेजा गया है ;

(ख) इस खाद का मूल्य; तथा

(ग) विनियम की शर्तें ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Arrangements have been made to supply 15,000 tons of Ammonium Sulphate from Sindri to East Pakistan. Despatches have started from the beginning of this month.

(b) Rs. 325 per ton f.o.r. Sindri.

(c) An irrevocable letter of credit covering the cost of the fertilizer and the railway freight up to the Indo-Pakistan border has been opened in a Bank in Calcutta by the Government of Pakistan. Payment for the actual despatches will be made by the Bank against railway receipts and invoices certified by the representative of the Pakistan Government who has been stationed at Sindri for this purpose.

UNEMPLOYED INDIANS

*232. **Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are thousands of unemployed Indians in Singapore and Penang?

(b) Are Government aware that certain firms in Borneo are prepared to engage Indian workers?

(c) What steps have Government taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) There has been some seasonal unemployment owing to a fall in rubber prices.

(b) and (c). Government are not aware of any such proposal by firms in Borneo.

ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT

*233. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether the system of administrative audit in the Central Public Works Department on the lines obtaining in the Military Engineering Service has been decided to be introduced with effect from the next financial year?

(b) If so, has the establishment of an independent inspection agency for the technical examination of expenditure on the C.P.W.D. been provided for?

(c) From which date are the Chief Technical Examiner and the Chief Surveyor of Works likely to begin functioning?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. I hope to introduce the system even during the current financial year.

(b) Not yet, as the details of the set up are being worked out.

(c) I am afraid I cannot give a specific date now but it should be possible to finalize the question in about three months' time.

TEA GARDENS IN ASSAM

*236. **Shri Bell Ram Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many tea gardens were closed in Assam during 1952-53?