

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, with the information in my possession I am unable to answer either in the affirmative or in the negative.

PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES IN JANGPURA

***799. Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state whether any pre-fabricated houses were put up in Jangpura Colony of Delhi?

(b) If so, what was their number and where were they put up?

(c) Have these houses been lying unoccupied throughout this period?

(d) If so, what were the grounds for their remaining vacant?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes. Twelve pairs of houses (24 units) were put up on the south east side of the Jangpura Rehabilitation Colony near the Government Housing Factory.

(c) and (d). Yes. These houses were not allotted for occupation because they were not considered quite safe for human habitation. They have however been just leased out to the Hindustan Housing Factory Limited who will strengthen them suitably before using them.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know the cost per unit and also the rent that would have accrued if they had been occupied?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The book value of the cost of these units is about Rs. 1,35,000. The question as to what would have been the rent if they had been occupied is a hypothetical question to which I am unable to give a definite answer.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any decision was taken as to the rent that was to be recovered for each unit?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Well, Sir, I cannot answer that question without notice. Some of them were occupied for a short while. Later on they

were found by a body of technical experts to be unsafe for human occupation, and the occupants of a few houses were also asked to vacate them. I am not in a position to say what was the rent fixed.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether their unsuitability for human habitation was due to some defect in the materials that were brought or some defect in the work or setting up of the contractor?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Several defects came to notice. Certain articles were prepared in the Hindustan Housing Factory. It was because of these defects that the original programme in the Factory was changed and it had also to close down, as hon. Members are aware. Now a new programme has been decided upon and a new arrangement has come into existence. And according to the new arrangement the new programme is being implemented.

Shri Bansal: May I know why so many houses were put up without some experiments being carried out first?

Shri K. C. Reddy: It is a very old question, as the House is aware. The original programme of this Housing Factory was finalised after taking all information available at that moment, technical as well as otherwise. What followed subsequently is within the knowledge of the honourable House.

Shri G. P. Sinha rose—

Mr. Speaker: Let us go to the next question. The hon. Member may refer to the old records and he will find the history.

SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

***800. Shri S. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state the steps taken by the Planning Commission towards the formulation of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): The main step taken so far towards the formulation of the Second Five Year Plan is the appointment recently of an Advisory Committee on Irrigation & Power Projects. The Committee will examine various proposals from the technical, financial and economic aspects and will help ensure that all projects are fully investigated. There has also been preliminary consideration of priorities and man-power requirements for the Second Plan.

Shri S. N. Mishra: From the steps said to have been taken it does not appear that any fresh terms of reference have been laid down. May I know whether it is proposed to lay down fresh terms of reference for the next five year plan or it is proposed to work within the existing terms of reference?

Shri Nanda: That matter has not received consideration yet.

Shri S. N. Mishra: If there are no terms of reference, may we know how Government proposes to proceed with the formulation of the Second Five Year Plan and whether there is going to be any plan behind the preparation of the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri Nanda: There are certain objectives laid down in the terms of reference of the First Five Year Plan which will mostly stand; and if at any stage Government thinks that any fresh reference is to be issued, it will be done.

Shri S. N. Mishra: May I know whether there is any proposal to expand or re-fashion the present planning machinery for the purpose of the next five year plan, so that its edifice may be democratically built up brick by brick from the bottom?

Shri Nanda: This is in view. Recently consideration of this subject was started and there was some discussion in the National Development

Council. The idea of having planning from the bottom and having a suitable apparatus and machinery for that purpose is under consideration.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Have Government taken steps to see that there is no hiatus between the close of the current plan and the beginning of the next and, in particular, that trained personnel are not discharged for want of work?

Shri Nanda: Yes, Sir, that is certainly a legitimate consideration.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether the hon. Minister of Planning had complained in the A.I.C.C. meeting that the Government was not implementing the recommendations of the Planning Commission?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He is referring to the meeting of the A.I.C.C.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: Before coming to the Second Five Year Plan the First Five Year Plan should have been implemented. May I know whether the complaint of the hon. Minister has been removed and whether Government have implemented all the recommendations of the First Five Year Plan?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt whether the question will be admissible at all.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether under the Second Five Year Plan only the river valley projects are being considered? Because it appears from the answer that the Committee is under Irrigation and Power only. What about the other aspects?

Shri Nanda: That is the beginning of the consideration that is going to be given to the preparation of the Second Five Year Plan. It is not only river valley projects. In the answer it has already been indicated that we are considering priorities as well as man-power requirements.