

Ilmenite and Monazite

490. Shri Kumaran: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the current prices of ilmenite and monazite, and

(b) the price at which ilmenite is sold by India to the U S and the U K buyers?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) The reference is presumably to prices of ilmenite and monazite prevailing in the world market. If so, the information is not readily available. The prices of these minerals vary from country to country, and there is no standard world price.

(b) The price at which ilmenite is sold by India to buyers in U S A and U K is the same and varies from £4/10 to £5/- per long ton, naked at works, depending upon the quantity purchased in a year.

Houses for Industrial Workers

491. Shri Wasnik: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of houses built for the industrial workers are unoccupied, and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K C Reddy): (a) and (b). Out of about 55,000 houses built so far, over 44,000 have already been occupied or are being allotted. About 10,000 houses will be allotted on completion of external and internal services. About 700 houses had not been occupied because of the workers' unwillingness to pay even the subsidised rent, or for other miscellaneous reasons.

Rural Housing

492. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether any amount

has been allotted to Rajasthan for Rural Housing during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): The sum of Rs 10 crores available for rural housing in the Second Five Year Plan has not so far been allocated to States, as the rural housing programme has not yet been finalised. The programme is likely to be finalised soon. In the meantime, allocations of a token character have been made to States in the current financial year. A sum of Rs 2.30 lakhs has been allocated to Rajasthan.

खेतिहर मजदूर

४९३ श्री लच्छीराम: क्या अब और रोजगार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) देश में खेतिहर मजदूरों तथा उनके आश्रितों की संख्या कितनी है,

(ख) इन मजदूरों को औसत मासिक आमदनी क्या है, और

(ग) उन के कल्याण के लिये सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

अभ्य उषर्षर्षी (श्री आशिष अली):

(क) और (ख) १९५०-५१ में हुई अन्विल भारत, खेतिहर मजदूरों की जाच के अनुसार खेतिहर मजदूरों की संख्या लगभग साढ़े तीन करोड़ है और उनके आश्रितों की संख्या भी इतनी ही है। खेतिहर मजदूर परिवार को मासिक औसत आमदनी लगभग मबा सैंस रुपय और एक मजदूर को माहवार औसत आमदनी करीब ८ रुपय ६६ नये पैसे है।

(ग) न्यूनतम बतन कानून से राज्य सरकार खेतिहर मजदूरों का न्यूनतम बतन निश्चित करती है। खेतिहर मजदूरों के फायदे के लिये दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत कई-एक योजनाय हैं, जैसे मजदूर सहकारी