

functioning, the Centre in West Bengal is expected to start in October, 1957.

23. *Miscellaneous schemes viz, Training of Officers and Hobby Training Schemes.*—No progress.

24. *Tripartite Consultative Machinery.*—Steps are being taken to set up industrial committees for selected industries in addition to those already in existence.

Slum Clearance in Andhra

1116. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh for slum clearance during 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(b) the amounts asked for?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (**Shri Anil K. Chanda**): (a) and (b). No specific amount was allocated to State Governments in 1956-57 and the Andhra Pradesh Government did not send any scheme for sanction. For 1957-58, a sum of Rs. 6.75 lakhs has been allocated to the Andhra Pradesh Government as the Central Government's share of financial assistance. The Andhra Pradesh Government has sent seven slum clearance projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.08 lakhs of which two projects costing Rs. 13.50 lakhs have been sanctioned.

Mica Mine Workers' Union, Andhra Pradesh

1117. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Mica Mine Workers' Union, Gudur, have submitted a memorandum to Government regarding the non-implementation of the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, Industrial Disputes Act, The Mines Act etc. in the Mica Mines of the State; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken on the memorandum?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (**Shri L. N. Mishra**): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

1118. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that export of tea to the U.S.A. is falling and India is losing the market rapidly giving place to Ceylon, Indonesia and Formosa?

The Minister of Commerce (**Shri Kapungo**): Imports of Indian tea into U.S.A. were lower in 1956 than in 1954 and 1955. Total imports of that country were also lower in 1956 as compared with those years. The position in 1957 cannot be anticipated at this stage.

Labour Co-operatives

1119. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to encourage Labour Co-operatives for securing contract work in Central Government undertakings; and

(b) the number of such labour co-operatives started in 1956-57?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (**Shri L. N. Mishra**): (a) and (b). The information in respect of Central Government undertakings is being collected and will be laid on the table of Lok Sabha in due course.

Hides and Skins Industry

1120. **Shri N. R. Munisamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing financial assistance given to various State Governments for their small scale industry schemes relating to Hides and Strains