

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is a difficult question to say. If the hon. Member tells me that in the interior of India there is some insecurity because of dacoity, I hope the dacoity will cease some time—and I hope the international dacoities will also cease. But one cannot guarantee when there will be perfect security.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: In view of the fact that in undivided India, particularly in East and West Bengal, there was a rule in Land Development with regard to possession and occupation of the Charlands, did our Government ever approach the East Pakistan Government with the suggestion that these difficulties or disputes over Charlands which arise both on the Ganga border and also on the Surma border be settled on the basis of these accepted conventions which, I think, are accepted both by the East Pakistan Government and the West Bengal Government in their respective territories, and that was the convention in those days also in undivided India?

Mr. Speaker: How did it arise in undivided India?

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Because of the border.

Mr. Speaker: That is between village and village.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: You do not understand it, Sir... (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: I will ask the Minister to answer if he has understood.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Let me explain it a little. My district is suffering. (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Sir, I take it that it is on the basis of well-recognised practices that these questions are discussed. I cannot definitely say whether they refer to a particular convention or rule—I mean what the hon. Member has referred to. But the two parties, the two Commissioners or

others on either side discuss it on the basis of the practices in the past with maps and charts.

Shri Hem Barua: But Pakistan breaks them immediately.

Plastic Industry

*921. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories that manufacture dies and moulds required by the processing plastic industries;

(b) their present production; and

(c) what are the present requirements?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Four engineering firms as well as 16 Plastic moulding concerns make moulds for the plastic industry.

(b) Precise information regarding the production by the engineering concerns is not available. The number of moulds manufactured by the plastic moulders is about 250 per annum.

(c) Exact information is not available but some dies still continue to be imported.

Shri Heda: Has the Government made any survey or assessment of our requirement of these moulds and are there any plans to have them manufactured in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is a steady rise in production from about 125 moulds in 1955. But we have produced this year about 250 moulds and the imports are also coming down—about 60 to 80 moulds. I think in the next few years we should be more than self-sufficient.

Shri Heda: In view of the possibilities of export of plastic goods to the surrounding countries, has the Government given some thought to have a planned programme for the production of plastic goods?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir. The various export promotion councils are looking into this and our exports are steadily going up

Central Assistance to Bihar State

*922. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any curtailment in the allotment of Central assistance for implementation of the Annual Plan of the State of Bihar for the year 1958-59 under second Five Year Plan from what had already been allotted thereto; and

(b) if so, the exact position in this regard?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b) After discussions with the State Government, it was agreed that the outlay on the Annual Plan of Bihar would be Rs. 30.88 crores against the revised estimates of Rs. 27.4 crores in the current year. The State's contribution towards this outlay was assessed at Rs. 14 crores and the balance of Rs. 16.88 crores would be available as Central assistance

Shri Jhulan Sinha: What has happened to the specific amount of Rs. 5 crores promised as Central assistance to the Gandak Valley project?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): There was some provision for the Gandak Valley project last year and this year too a provision of the order of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Is it a fact that the performance of the Bihar Government in raising internal resources for the Plan has been very poor and that they have got some genuine difficulty? May I have some idea of the difficulties of the Bihar Government because of which they are not able to raise the resources?

Shri L. N. Mishra: It has been difficult for the State of Bihar to raise internal resources but we cannot lose sight of the fact that they have some genuine difficulties. There were successive droughts and floods and there was shortfall in the collection of land revenue and large amounts are outstanding by way of taccavi loans etc. These were the difficulties experienced by the Bihar Government.

Small Industries Service Institute, Ludhiana

*923. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Service Institute at Ludhiana has since been set up;

(b) whether the Institute has started functioning;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure on this Institute?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise

(d) Recurring expenditure: Rs. 37,500 in 1956-57 and about Rs. 1.83 lakhs up to the end of February 1958 during the current financial year

Non-recurring expenditure About Rs. 2.21 lakhs from January 1956 up to the end of February 1958

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is the hon. Minister aware that the Industry in Ludhiana has gone far ahead of this institute and that this institute, even before it started functioning, has been rendered obsolete?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir. As a matter of fact, it is to some extent as a result of the establishment of this institute that the small industries of Ludhiana have got very great assistance.