

residents of Hasjnapur Township regarding accommodation, rent and employment?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): There is no dearth of accommodation in the township where a number of houses are even now lying vacant. The rent of the houses has already been fixed below the standard rate in view of the poor economic condition of the displaced persons settled there. Apart from this, considerable care is exercised in the matter of realisation of rent so that no hardship is caused in cases where individuals are unable to pay for genuine reasons. To remove unemployment in the township the Government has been trying to promote trade and business and set up new industries. Business and industrial loans amounting to Rs. 2·8 lakhs have been advanced to 177 families.

A scheme for setting up a sugar factory has recently been sanctioned which is expected to provide employment to about 800 displaced persons.

Pakistani Nationals in India

2762. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Pakistani nationals who visited various places in Punjab during 1958 so far;

(b) the number of those who overstayed even after the expiry of their visas during the same period; and

(c) the number of cases in which visas were extended?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 2,905 Pakistani nationals visited Punjab during the period from 1st January, 1958 to 31st August, 1958.

(b) 83.

(c) 58.

Atomic Fuel Fabrication Plant

2763. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the

progress made so far with regard to the construction of an atomic fuel fabrication plant in India under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The work of constructing the building for the fuel fabrication plant is in hand and is likely to be completed by the middle of November this year. Most of the equipment required for the plant has been received and the rest is likely to reach the site within the next few months. The plant is scheduled to go into production by June, 1959.

Indian Nationals in Australia

2764. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians residing in Australia;

(b) whether the Indians now residing in Australia are subjected to colour prejudices;

(c) whether Indians there maintain the standard of living expected of them in that country; and

(d) whether facilities to the migrants for acquisition of citizenship in Australia are afforded?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 887 according to 1954 census figures. This figure does not include persons who may be Indian nationals but for some reason had shown themselves as 'British' in the census schedule.

(b) No such case has come to our notice.

(c) Generally, yes.

(d) Does not arise as there is no migration as such of Indians to Australia.