

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). In its report submitted on the 9th August, 1960 the Committee has recommended the establishment of a National Mine Safety Council. The report is under examination.

#### Vacant Plots in Ulhasnagar

**1760. Shri Parulekar:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many plots are vacant in Ulhasnagar in Thana District of Maharashtra State;

(b) whether applications for purchase of such plots were invited from the displaced persons;

(c) if so, how many applied for purchasing them; and

(d) how many of them have been sold so far?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) 343.

(b) Yes.

(c) 75.

(d) 21.

#### Rayon Mill

**1761. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a Rayon Mill in India with Japanese collaboration and Japanese capital to the extent of 20 per cent; and

(b) the nature of the scheme and whether it will be under the control of Government of India?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Government have granted a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act to an Indian firm for the manufacture of viscose rayon yarn. It is understood that the Indian firm have entered into a contract with a Japanese firm for purchase of mach-

inery required for the project, and that the Japanese firm propose to take up equity shares to the extent of about 7 per cent. in the Indian firm is consideration of part payment of the cost of machinery. Government are not financially participating in the scheme.

#### Indian Productivity Team on Sugar

**1762. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of reference of the Indian Productivity Team on Sugar which is reported to be touring in the foreign country;

(b) whether any interim report or final report has been received so far; and

(c) the main recommendations of the team and Government's reaction thereon?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Subjects of study of the Sugar Industry Productivity Team are given below:—

- (i) General organisation and production and consumption trends including nature of ownership and management; connections between growers and processors and labour and management; Government control over production, marketing, etc.
- (ii) Production efficiency in respect of raising the sugarcane crop including irrigation, manuring control over pests and diseases, mechanisation, labour saving devices and utilisation of agricultural wastes. Costing methods for farm labour and material.
- (iii) Modes of transport for supply of sugarcane from the fields to the mills and measures taken to control the frequency of arrivals and to cut down time lag between harvesting and crushing.