

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) No. Loans to the displaced persons in Assam are granted according to the provisions of the Assam Displaced Persons Rehabilitation Loans Act.

(b) to (d). A report has been called for from the Government of Assam. The information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

Diplomatic Relations with Foreign Countries

913. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the names of the countries with which diplomatic ties were established during 1960-61?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Government of India have extended recognition to all countries in Africa that have achieved independence as sovereign states during 1960-61 and have also been admitted to the U.N. The Government have also extended recognition to the Republics of Cyprus and Madagascar.

Nangal Fertilizer Factory

914. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1032 on the 21st December, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the method for economic utilization of the surplus Oxygen at Nangal Fertilizer Factory has since been explored; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). Several alternatives studied for economic utilization of surplus Oxygen are briefly described below:

(i) It is possible to instal a compression plant so that Oxygen can be filled in cylinders for sales to con-

sumers. Only a very small quantity can be disposed of in this way. Negotiations are in progress for sale in cylinders.

(ii) Possibilities of liquefying a part of the oxygen and selling it for use in the production of certain explosives have been studied. The method has not been found to be economical.

(iii) Possibilities of manufacture of calcium carbide by oxy-thermic process have been studied. It is not possible to produce a suitable product due to a dearth of other raw materials.

(iv) Possibilities of manufacture of acetylene and certain organic products based on acetylene have been studied. If sufficient natural gas is discovered in the area, the production of acetylene may be possible.

(v) It is possible to increase fertilizer production at Nangal by utilizing surplus oxygen and natural gas. The result of the present investigations to discover natural gas at Jwalamukhi are being awaited.

सरदार बल्लभ भाई पटेल की जीवन गाथा

६१५. श्री भक्त वर्मान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ३० नवम्बर, १९६० के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १०८१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि "बिल्डर्स ग्राम माडर्न इंडिया" की ग्रन्थमाला में सरदार बल्लभ भाई पटेल की जीवन गाथा प्रकाशित करने के कार्य में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है और यह पुस्तक कब तक प्रकाशित हो जायेगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० कोसकर) : इस जीवनी के उपयुक्त लेखन के मिल जाने पर कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया जायेगा ।