

Shri Palaniandy: When the employers are not coming forward to build the houses, may I know why the Government is not taking steps to give the houses for the workers?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The hon. Member is surely aware that the Government, through the various States, have been building a large number of industrial tenements for the workers. Of all the industrial tenements put up, nearly 80 per cent are by the States.

Shri Palaniandy: In regard to plantation workers they have not been utilised. Have Government taken any steps in this direction?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: This hardly arises out of the present question. But so far as plantation labourers' quarters are concerned, this is a statutory obligation under the Indian Plantations Act, and the States can take punitive action against employers who have not fulfilled their obligations in this matter.

Paper Manufacturing Project at Calcutta

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*1438. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Kalika Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that 3 Scotch firms have formed a Rs. 10 lakh consortium to establish a paper machinery manufacturing project in Calcutta which will employ 500 local workers?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): M/s. F.W. Heilgers & Co. (P) Ltd., Calcutta were granted a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for the establishment of a new undertaking at Titaghur under the name of Bertram-Scott (Private) Ltd., in association with three U.K. firms for the manufacture of paper making plant. The proposed issued capital of this undertaking is Rs. 10 lakhs. According to the information furnished by the party, the total number of

workers to be employed in the beginning in the undertaking is sixty.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : में यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो पेपर मशीनरी बनाने का प्रोजेक्ट यहां पर स्थापित हो रहा है, उस में इंडियन शेयर क्या होगा ।

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Shri Kalika Singh: May I know if there are any other firms in India which are manufacturing or are proposing to manufacture the same type of machinery for the manufacture of paper?

Shri Manubhai Shah: About eight factories.

Mr. Speaker: He means there are already?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir, already approved and licensed.

Shri Kalika Singh: What will be the total capital of those companies?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It varies from unit to unit. If the hon. Member is interested in any particular unit he may let me know.

Paper Mill

*1439. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the economic size of a paper mill in India;

(b) whether there are a number of mills smaller than the economic size;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to enlarge the size of such units; and

(d) whether paper production in India has shown improvement?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The Economic size of a paper mill varies from mill to mill depending on various factors like the raw material to be utilised in the particular mill. There are four factories based on