

**Development of Forest in Sundarbans,  
West Bengal**

7854. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating any schemes for the development of forest in 'Sundarbans' area West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial outlays on each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Government of West Bengal propose to raise coconut plantations over 580 hectares in derelict forests of Sunderbans area. The plantations would be raised at a cost of Rs. 18 lakhs during the remaining three years of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

**Industrial Training Institute in West  
Bengal**

7855. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trainees who passed out during the last three years from the various Industrial Training Institutes located in West Bengal ; and

(b) the number of those absorbed for apprenticeship training in the public sector undertakings, large scale undertakings and other industries of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) 7,972.

(b) 3,057.

**Foreign aid for Bangla<sup>3</sup> Desh Refugees**

7856. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the latest estimate of

international aid received for Bangla Desh Refugees through United Nations Organisation, from the Government of different countries and private agencies in cash and kind ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : The total foreign aid offered through United Nations Organisation, the Governments of different countries and private agencies is estimated at Rs. 105 3/4 crores. Out of this, aid amounting to Rs. 8.40 crores, including a sum of Rs. 2.06 crores in cash, has been received so far.

**Increase in Influx of Bangla Desh Refugees due to Famine Conditions**

7857. SHRI SAMAR GUHA :  
SHRI C. CHITTABABU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to acute famine conditions and continuing atrocities on the people, the volume of refugees from Bangla Desh is again increasing ;

(b) whether Muslim citizens of Bangla Desh are again coming in large number ; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) The daily average rate of influx during July, 1971, was about 23,000 persons, as against about 45,000 persons during the week ending 6th August, 1971. Whether the increase in influx of refugees is due to continuing atrocities or to developing famine conditions in East Bengal, cannot be precisely determined.

(b) and (c). The refugees from East Bengal coming to India belong to all religious faiths like, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians etc. No separate religion or community-wise break-up is being maintained by Government.