

(c) the details of the protest lodged with Pakistan and the steps taken to check such recurrences ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). According to information received from the Government of Tripura, on the 22nd October, 1971 at about 8.45 p.m. the wooden bridge near Mohanpur on Agartala-Simba Road was damaged as a result of explosion. The damage is estimated at Rs. 10,000/-. No arrests have been made so far in connection with the incident.

(c) No protest has been lodged with Government of Pakistan. Appropriate precautionary measures, have been taken to safeguard the security of our vulnerable points and vital installations.

Pakistani Agents in Camps for Bangla Deah Refugees

1424. **SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :**
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACH-
WAI :
SHRI N. E. HORO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Pakistani agents have entered in the camps set up for the Bangla Deah refugees ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) No such arrest has been made in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The Government of Assam have intimated that 8 persons, including 2 from Meghalaya suspected to be Pak. agents entered camps set up for the refugees. They have been arrested and cases under Section 3 Official Secrets Acts/ 8 (B) of the Assam Maintenance of Public Order Act have been taken up against them. Information in respect of West Bengal and Tripura is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The utmost vigilance is being maintained by all concerned agencies. Systematic arrangements exist for the registration, screening and interrogation of refugees.

Decline in Percentage of Working Population

1426. **SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that according to the 1971 Census, the working population of our country has come down to 34 per cent (1971) from 43 per cent (1961) of the total population ;

(b) if so, the causes for the decrease ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOSIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It may be because of difference in the concept and definition of "worker" adopted in the 1961 and 1971 Censuses, the two figures as such are not strictly comparable. Detailed tabulations of the census economic data have to be awaited in order to draw definite conclusions.

Discovery of Bombs, Mines and other Material by Border Security Force

1427. **SHRI H. M. PATEL :**
SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Border Security Force during the last few days have discovered bombs, mines and other materials for sabotaging in the country from the hide-outs of the Pakistani saboteurs on the eastern borders ; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to check the activities of the Pakistani saboteurs in India ?