

Bill was to raise the minimum from 4 per cent to 8-1/3 per cent. On that Bill, while intervening, I gave an assurance that I will see the entire bonus scheme is reviewed and the bonus scheme, as it is applicable today—the terms of reference are there—will be reviewed. (Interruption)

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE I would like to know from the hon Minister whether it is true that a number of central trade union organisations have already demanded that the Bonus Act should apply to insurance and a number of transport industries also and if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR It is true the central trade union organisations, time and again, are making such demands. That will be kept in view when the review is taking place and the scheme is incorporated in the Bonus Act.

Distribution of Food in Bangla Desh by Indian Red Cross

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether food stocks held by the International Red Cross were handed over to India for distribution in Bangladesh, and

(b) whether International Red Cross is distributing supplies through the agency of Indian Red Cross?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) No Sir. The food stocks held by the International Red Cross which were handed over to the Indian Red Cross were meant for distribution amongst the Bangladesh refugees in India. After the return of the refugees to Bangladesh, the surplus of these food stocks was transferred by the Indian Red Cross to the Bangladesh Red Cross Society for distribution in Bangladesh.

(b) No Sir. The International Red Cross is not distributing supplies in Bangladesh through the agency of the Indian Red Cross.

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: There are comments in the British press with regard to the Indian Red Cross assuming the role of distributing food and supplies left over in India. The hon Minister has said that they have no stocks or, whatever stock there were, they have been handed over to the Bangladesh Red Cross Society. May I know if they are acting as agents of the International Red Cross in Bangladesh or any officer has been appointed to assist them?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH I have already clarified the position with regard to the stocks which were left with the Indian Red Cross. The stocks have been handed over to the Bangladesh Red Cross Society. As far as the criticism in the British press is concerned that criticism was directed against the Bangladesh Government for not making adequate arrangements for providing supplies to non-Bengalis. Our information is that adequate arrangements were made by the Bangladesh Government and that even now they are making every effort to send supplies to Biharis in Bangladesh. These reports are unjustified.

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA He has not replied to my question. I wanted to know whether we have sent some officer to assist them in the distribution of food stocks in Bangladesh.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH Yes, Sir. We have received a request from the Bangladesh Government and the Bangladesh Red Cross Society for sending one or two officers from India. This matter is getting our immediate attention and, I think a decision has been taken to send some officers to Bangladesh shortly.

श्री इश्वर चौधरी मे आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि बंगला देश के शरणार्थियों के लौट जाने के बाद क्या आपने अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर से बंगला देश रेड क्रॉस समिति को अन्न देने की लिखित आज्ञा ले ली थी? क्या भारत सरकार समझती है कि

अब हमारे यहाँ शरणार्थी समस्या नहीं है और इसलिये सारा अनाज बंगला देश रेड क्रॉस समिति को दे देना चाहिए ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो था ही उनके लिये और उनको दे देना चाहिए ।

श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : क्या हमारे यहाँ शरणार्थी समस्या नहीं है ? क्या मारे बंगला देश के रिफ्यूजी यहाँ से चले गये ? मेने यह भी पूछा था कि उनसे लिखित आज्ञा ले ली गई है या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हम तो अपनी तरफ में भेज रहे हैं । क्या उनको हम रोक ले ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपने ही सवाल का जवाब दे दिया है ।

श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : क्या भारत सरकार इस बात को समझती है कि बंगला देश से आये हुए मारे शरणार्थी चले गये ? क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय रेड क्रॉस में लिखित आज्ञा ले ली गई थी कि बंगला देश रेड क्रॉस समिति को अन्न दे दिया जाये ? अगर ले ली गई थी, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : जवाब तो काफी साफ है । जो भी फूड स्टोर्स हमारे यहाँ आई थी बंगला देश रिफ्यूजीज के लिये उगको हम पूरी तरह से इस्तेमाल नहीं कर सके थे । जो बाकी रह गया वह बंगला देश के रिफ्यूजीज के पास चला गया और वहाँ के रेड क्रॉस को दे दिया गया । इसके अलावा और आप क्या चाहते हैं ?

श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : वर्तमान समय में हमारे यहाँ बंगला देश के शरणार्थी है या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप आज किम थककर से फँस गये ?

श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ

कि बंगला देश के शरणार्थी हमारे यहाँ है या नहीं ?

MR. SPFAKLR : I am not going to allow any more supplementaries.

बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने में फैब्रिकेशन कार्य

*१२४. **श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि -

(क) क्या बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने के निर्माण में संवाधित फैब्रिकेशन कार्य को यहाँ में हटाकर दूसरे राज्यों में भेजा गया है जिसके फलस्वरूप हजारों मजदूर बेरोजगार हो गये हैं,

(ख) क्या उगके परिणामस्वरूप इस कारखाने के निर्माण कार्य में अनावश्यक विलम्ब होने की संभावना है, और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो फैब्रिकेशन का कार्य अन्यत्र कराने के क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार का इस कार्य को वहाँ पर ही कराने का विचार है ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR MANGAIAM) : (a) A small quantity of about 5,500 tonnes of fabrication work which was originally planned to be done at site has been transferred to fabricators outside the State. At the same time, about 3,800 tonnes of work which was to be done outside the steel city, have been transferred to site fabrication shops. Further, 4,500 tonnes of fabrication work to be done by a unit outside Bihar, has been taken away and awarded to the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi. These changes have not adversely affected the employment situation in the State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : पहली बात तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि बोकारो इस्पात