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ETRI B. V. NAIK: It is with Rg. 118 crores which the Central Government has provided as finance to various housing boards. May I, therefore, know from the hon.

MR. SPEAKER: Where is the relevancy here? You should ask a question which has an all-India relevance.

SHRI B. V. NAIK: Is there any evaluation of the utilisation of these houses done by any Central team?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I will answer the last part of the question. There is an evaluation done. These housing boards get allocations in two ways. They get allocations from the State Government funds which are allotted to he State Governments. There, it is for the State Governments to do the evaluation. If these funds are given by the HUDCO for a particular scheme, the HUDCO does make some kind of an evaluation.

SHRI KRISHNA **CHANDRA** HALDER: As is known, the Estimates Committee has recommended that in industrial and plantation areas, the Government should come forward to soive the housing problem. In Durgapur and Asansol, there are many industrial plants and public sector undertakings. Coal, iron and steel are very important for developing cur economy. The workers and employees have to come to Durgapur and Asansol from 60 to 70 miles by train. I want to know what the Central Government propose to do to solve the housing problem of Durgapur and Asansol industrial workers.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: So far as the industrial workers' housing is concerned, that again is with the State Governments and they have made some progress in that. Here, I would like to submit for the consideration of the hon. Member and the House that housing is a stupendous problem and we thave to think in

terms of the mobilistation of national resources. Mere Government resources will not suffice. Everybody will have to contribute to housing.

Indo-Cuba Cultural Pact

*268. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE: be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-Cuba cultural pact has been signed in July, 1976;
 and
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement envisages cooperation in the fields of art and culture, education, science and technology, sports and games, mass media of information and education and journalism, in order to contribute towards a better knowledge and understanding of each other's cultures and activities in these fields. A copy of the Agreement is available in the Parliament Library.

श्री वर्गनाथ निश्वः इस समझीते के कार्यान्वयन के लिये किसी संयुक्त समिति की स्थापना हो गई हैं, प्रगर हां तो उसके सदस्य कीन कीन हैं तथा इस काम में किस हद तक प्रगति हुई है ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): Theagreement has not yet been ratified.

श्री जनकाण जिला : स्पूता के प्रतिरिक्त ग्रीर किन किन देशों से हमारे सांस्कृतिक स्थापत हुए हैं ग्रीर ग्रामे किन किन देशों से स्थापित करने का विचार है ? भी **घटनिय नेताय : प्रशी तक करीय** .46 देशीं-----

सम्बद्ध महोदय: उन्होंने दो सालों में यूछा है।

बी सरिवय नेताम: 1976 में करीब चार बेशों से भीर 1975 में करीब माठ देशों से हुए हैं। मगर बाप कहिये तो मैं उन देशों के नाम पढ़ चूं।

Revision in Ex-factory Prices of Sugar

*269. SHRI K. M. 'BADHUKAR': SHRI D. D. DESAI;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ex-factory prices of sugar, have been revised again recently; and
- (b) if so, the prices increased and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-11297/76]

भी कमला निम्म 'मचुकर' : नीति के बारे में प्रगर में प्रश्न करूं तो प्रध्यक्ष महोदय प्राप एजाउ नहीं करेंगे —

घप्यक्ष महोदय : सूचना दीजिये तो ।

भी कमला जिथा 'बणुकर': हमारी सरकार की चीनी के बारे में जो नीति है वह मिन मालिकों को खुश करने की नीति है जहां तक कज्यूमर्ज भीर किसानों का सम्बन्ध है सरकार की नीति बिल्क्ल चातक नीति है। स्टेटमेंट में बताया गया है कि चूंकि ज्यूरो झाफ इंडस्ट्रियल कास्ट्स एंड प्राइंसिस की रिकोमेंडेशन हो गई ची इसलिये चीनी की एकस 'फ़िस्टो प्राइंस बढ़ा दी है। इसको बड़ाने के बाद उपजोक्ता की सही दावों पंट कोनी दिलाने के लिए भाग ने क्या व्यवस्था को है ?

भी शत्कृतवास आरं : लेबी शूगर की भी प्राईस है वह जो पहने थी यानी 2 कपने 15 पैसे पर निलों वह वही रहेगी। उस भीनी की कीमत बढ़ी नहीं है।

श्री कसला सिश्व 'सज्वत.' : वृक्ति बिहार ग्रीर उत्तर प्रदेश में तमाम चेती मिलें पुराती पड़ गई है. उनकी मशीनरी पुरानी पड़ गई है क्या यह सहीं नहीं है कि उसकी वजह से गूगर की कास्ट प्राईस बढ़ जाती है, प्रोडक्शन कास्ट बहु जाती है ? अगर हां तो उन चिती मिलों कं नविश्वीकरण के लिए ताकि उनकी कास्ट ग्राफ प्राडक्शन घट महे श्रीर ग्रापको दाम बढ़ाने का मौका न मिले, ग्राप क्या करने जा रहे हैं ?

भी शाहनवालां. ऐसी स्कीम गवर्न-गंट के जेरे गीर है ताकि पुरानी एगर मिलों जा माडर्नाइजेशन भीर रिहेबिलिटेशन हो रिकें। जनकी मशीनरी को नए सिरे से बेहतर बनाने के लिये गवर्नमेंट लोन दगैरह देने की बात भी मोच रही है।

SHRI D. D. DESAI: The production of sugar has declined from 48 lakh tonnes to 42 lakh tonnes, and the export also has been affected to some extent. The statement laid on the Table of the House shows that the costing is done by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices. May I know from the hon. Minister whether the variation between the lowest and the highest is nearly a hundred per cent? Can he not consider seeing that the cost clement particularly. The crushing period recovery and sugarcane price are all arranged in a manner that the sugarcane growers do get a remunerative price which is presently a matter of great concern in the House and outside?