

R.I. K. GUJRAL : The position of rural housing has been very really concerning. According to a sample survey, conducted in 1963-64, it was estimated that 86 lakhs agricultural workers' families in rural areas are landless and the presumption is that almost all of them are also without sites for their housing. This is a huge programme and the Government are really feeling concerned about it. Some States have taken some steps. Uttar Pradesh recently, for instance, issued an ordinance for provision of housing sites to Harijans. I do not know how much work has been done in that context as yet, but the total figure in all the six or seven States where some work has been started is very very distal because the total number of sites sanctioned in these States so far are only 1922 and the problem is really very gigantic.

श्री कृष्णचन्द्र पांडे : माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो हमारा जनपद बस्ती है, उस में जहाँ तक हम लोग जानते हैं इस तरह का अनुदान कभी नहीं दिया गया। अनुदान देने या ऋण देने की जो योजना है, यह इतनी जटिल है कि गरीबों और मजदूरों को उस योजना के फार्म भरने में ही परेशानी हो जाती है। मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या फार्मों को गरीबों तक पहुँचाने में सरकार कोई सहयोग देने के लिये तैयार है ?

श्री आइ० के० गुजराल : जैसा माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है, मुझे उन के साथ पूरी हमदर्दी है और हम इस बात का ध्यान भी रखते हैं कि आज हमारे गावों की हालत मकानों के बारे में बहुत बुरी है...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने पूछा है कि फार्म पहुँचाने का क्या बन्दोबस्त है ?

श्री आइ० के० गुजराल : जहाँ तक फार्मों का ताल्लुक है, स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स इस काम को करना चाहती हैं, लेकिन काम इतना कम हुआ है कि यह कहना मुश्किल है कि किस-किस चीज के लिये फार्म बंट रहे होंगे।

श्री भूल चन्द डागा : क्या शहरों में मकानों की कमी की समस्या को हल करने के लिए, जिन के पास खाली जमीनें हैं, उन की जमीनें ले कर सरकार दूसरों को देगी या नहीं ? मेरा मतलब उच्च लोगों से है जिन के पास जमीनें हैं लेकिन मकान नहीं बना रहे हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस वक़्त तो रूरल मसला चल रहा है।

श्री भूल चन्द डागा : इस में अर्बन भी है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि शहरों में जिन के पास जमीनें हैं, उनकी जमीन को एक्वायर कर के सरकार दूसरों को बाँटेगी या नहीं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल इस में पैदा नहीं होता है।

Oil Refineries in Western Region

*1070. **SHRI JADEJA :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any decision on the sites selected by the Expert Committee for setting up Oil Refineries in Western Region ; and

(b) if so, the sites selected ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :
(a) A Committee of Experts was appointed in April 1969 to study the question of additional refining capacity in the country and its location. This Committee recommended the establishment of a refinery in the North-West region. IOC were asked to prepare a feasibility report for this refinery indicating therein also the advantages and disadvantages of various possible locations from the techno-economic angle. The report has been received only on 1st June, 1971 and is under examination. No decision in regard to location has yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI JADEJA : May I know from the hon. Minister with reference to his statement, especially the latter part of it, whether a

suitable site in Gujarat would be selected for setting up a refinery utilising the imports of crude that would be coming to Kandla port ?

SHRI P. C. SETHI : Various sites have been examined and from the point of view of location of the refinery, this will have to be done not only from the point of view of the availability of crude but also from the point of view of consumption. It is easy to carry crude rather than finished products and therefore we will have to locate the refinery in an area which is having importance of consumption.

SHRI JADEJA : I want to know whether you would consider suitable site in Gujarat, because the Committee which had gone into this had even recommended Bombay. So, I want to know whether you would consider Gujarat to be a suitable place or not.

SHRI P. C. SETHI : As far as the western coast is concerned, there are lot of refineries. Therefore the finished products availability is quite enough there. We have to carry the finished products from Bombay to north and north-eastern regions. Therefore, the technical advice is that it would be better to have the refinery located very largely in places where the consumption is more.

MR. SPEAKER : Question hour over.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : rose—

MR. SPEAKER : I have not agreed with any of your suggestions.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : National consensus in this matter should be expressed.

MR. SPEAKER : No, I have not agreed with any of your suggestions. Now, Call Attention.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Purchase and import of crude oil through a separate company

*1052. **SHRI RAJA KULKARNI :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has extended its activities to the import of crude oil and it has registered a separate company for the same ; if so, when and the progress it has made ;

(b) the efforts Government have made to purchase crude at cheaper prices in the International market from the Persian Gulf area ;

(c) the efforts Government have made to have its own Indian fleet of tankers for transportation of imported crude with a view to reduce the cost of imported crude ; and

(d) whether Government are considering the feasibility of pipe-line transportation of imported crude inside our country from ports to all points of inland refineries for reducing the cost of crude ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) Indian Oil Corporation has extended its activities to a limited import of crude oil, but not separate company has been registered for the purpose.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government are in correspondence with various parties on the subject with a view to import crude oil for public sector refineries. It is not in public interest to disclose the nature of this correspondence.

(c) Yes, Sir. Two large vessels have been already procured for Madras refinery. Two vessels of the same class are on order for Cochin refinery. Efforts are being made to secure two similar vessels for delivery of crude at the Haldia port. A number of Indian flag vessels have already been chartered to the refineries in Bombay and Visakhapatnam.

(d) Yes, Sir. Government are considering the feasibility of pipe-line transportation of imported crude for the one million tonne capacity at Barauni and for North West and Koyali refineries.