

ही और जो अभी मधुरा है, जैसे बागमती योजना, क्या इस रीप्रोडिक्शन में सरकार उच्च काम को प्रार्यटी दे कर पूरा करने की बात सोच रही है, या वह दूसरा प्लान बनाने जा रही है।

श्री मोहन भारिया : जो काम चले हुए हैं, उन को तो ज़रूर तेजी से चला कर पूरा करने की कोशिश करेंगे और उसके साथ एम्प्लाय-मेंट देने के लिए यदि और कुछ काम देने की शक्यता होगी, तो उस को भी हाथ में लिया जायेगा।

Low Rate of Urbanisation in India

*66. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recent Census figures show a low rate of urbanisation in India ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of the problems connected with the low rate of urbanisation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F.H. MOHSIN) : (a) The provisional results of the 1971 Census of India have revealed that urban population forms 19.87% of the total population. Although this proportion is low as compared to that of industrial countries like U.K., Canada, France etc., it is higher than that observed in neighbouring countries as Ceylon or Pakistan.

(b) In a vast agricultural country like India, urban areas cannot be expected to account for a very large proportion of the total population. No further investigation is therefore considered necessary.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB : May I know if the Government thinks that the low rate of urbanisation in India is due to the fact that there is slow rate of growth of industrialisation in India and the low rate of industrialisation is creating tremendous population pressure in the rural areas

creating a number of unemployment problems there also. If so, what steps do the Government propose to take to overcome this position ?

SHRI F. H. MOHSIN : As I have already pointed out, the total population in the urban areas, as compared to the total population of the country, is not so much high as compared to other countries. This may be due to so many reasons : one reason is that the rural area has got the amenities that would go a long way in making the life very comfortable in the rural areas. That may be one of the reasons why people are slow to migrate to the urban areas.

SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Is it not a fact that in the urban areas, the potentialities for providing jobs is absent and that is why the people are forced to remain in the rural sector even if they are unemployed, and, if so, what steps are being taken to overcome this ?

SHRI F.H. MOHSIN : The figures that I have already given go to show that in the United Kingdom, the percentage of urban population to the total population is 78.87 and that is so in so many other countries, whereas in India, the percentage of urban population is only 19.87. Hence the migration is very little to the urban areas. So, it cannot be said that people in the rural areas are migrating to the urban areas for other reasons. The inferences that are drawn by the hon. Member are correct.

श्री आरखण्डे राय : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि क्या उन्हें इस बात की सूचना प्रथम शिकायत मिली है कि नगरीकरण की गति धीमी नहीं है, बल्कि तेज है और हमारे देश में हजारों लाखों भ्रातृमी ऐसे हैं, जो देहात में भी रहते हैं और शहरों में भी रहते हैं, लेकिन वे प्रथम बार देहात में बताते हैं, शहरों में नहीं और इस लिए ये फिजर्ज डिफिक्टिव हैं ; यदि हां, तो क्या वह कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI F.H. MOHSIN : There are some instances of that sort. There are

being taken.

SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA : The Minister just now referred to England. Is he aware that in England fifty per cent of the employment comes from the cities and it is because of industrialisation. In India people are not drawn to the urban areas. What steps are you taking to provide more employment opportunities in the urban areas to attract people there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K.C. PANT): The question to be decided is whether it is desirable for more and more people to shift from rural areas to urban areas. Whereas ordinarily it is supposed to be an index of progress, when there is greater urbanisation, it poses its own problems and I do not think that we need necessarily copy the experience of other countries which have urbanised and which are today suffering from over-urbanisation. I think there is a lot to be said for developing our rural areas to make them more livable, rather than urbanisation.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : I want to know from the Minister whether the Government is going to discourage urbanisation in India because there are some parties which believe in violence and it is easy for them to create trouble in the cities?

SHRI K.C. PANT: Violence has to be put down, whether in the urban area or rural area.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : In view of the fact that over-urbanisation creates serious aberrations in human civilization; will the Government discourage over-urbanisation in our country and the expansion of big cities and at the same time give all facilities to the rural people in the fields of transport, electrification, more employment opportunities by economic development in the rural areas, other modern facilities, discourage the rush to the towns?

SHRI F.H. MOHSIN : Yes, Sir; that is the intention of the Government... (*interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER : Do you not agree

with his reply? I think there can be no better reply.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : They should say a few words how they are implementing their intention.

SHRI F.H. MOHSIN : The suggestion thrown by the Member is very good. That is the intention of the Government too.

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister is also very good.

SHRI P. R. SHENOY : Have the Government any proposal for ruralisation of industries which can prevent migration of population to cities?

SHRI F.H. MOHSIN : It is the intention of the Government also to see that in the rural areas some industries come up so that migration to the urban areas might stop.

Judicial Inquiry into Mass Murders In Cossipore-Baranagore Area Near Calcutta and probe into killing of Undertrial Political Prisoners in Jails in West Bengal

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*67. **SHRI H.N. MUKERJEE :**
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SHRI N.K. SANGHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has taken place in the matter of the promised Judicial enquiry into mass murders several months ago in the Cossipore-Baranagore area near Calcutta; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken so far towards implementing Government assurances about high-power probe into the killing of undertrial political prisoners in Berhanpur, Dum Dum, Alipore and Asansol Jails in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) A retired Chief Justice was appointed to conduct an inquiry into Cossipore-Baranagore murder cases but