

SHRI F. A. AHMED: As I have already pointed out, he has not accepted the offer of becoming the Director of the Bank. Just before his departure for New York, he came and told me that this is the position and asked for the Government's reaction. I said, if he becomes the Director of the Bank, it would be impossible for him to remain as the Chairman of this Committee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS rose—

MR. SPEAKER: Will all of them please sit down? There are a number of people on both the sides. Now as I see, there is no difference of opinion; all the parties, including the Minister say that he went and attended the meeting; all of them say that this Committee must be above board. There is no difference of opinion on this in the Government or in the Opposition. With all this controversy and the unanimous opinion expressed by Government, I am sure Government will have to consider it. I do not think any difference of opinion is there on that. Now, let us go on to the next item.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cement Plants

*989. **SHRI ESWARA REDDY:**
SHRI ARJUN SINGH
BHADORIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has drawn up plans for setting up four new cement plants in the public sector;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the plants and their production capacity; and

(d) the sites selected for location of the plants?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY

AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (c). The Cement Corporation of India has submitted to the Government for approval seven project reports—six for manufacture of portland cement with an annual capacity of 200,000 tonnes each and an employment potential of about 500 persons each for location at Mandhar (M.P.), Kurkunta (Mysore), Ncemuch (M.P.), Jagdalpur (M.P.), Tandur (A.P.) and Bokajan (Assam); and the other one is for manufacture of 50,000 tonnes of masonry cement near Mehrauli (Delhi), having an employment potential of about 100 persons. The estimates of cost vary from Rs. 440 to 537 lakhs except in the case of Bokajan (Assam) and Mehrauli (Delhi) for which the costs are estimated at Rs. 832 lakhs and Rs. 66 lakhs respectively. All these reports are under consideration of the Government of India.

(d) Mandhar (M.P.) and Kurkunta (Mysore) out of the above locations have so far been approved.

Tea Plantations in Kangra

*993. **SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA:**
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea plantations in Kangra District are progressively deteriorating and the labour is also in difficult conditions there; and

(b) if so, the steps which are proposed to be taken to prevent further deterioration of the plantations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The yield of tea per hectare in Kangra District has recently shown a declining trend. Government are not aware of any particular difficulties experienced by the labour in this area.