

सूबायस्त क्षेत्रों में ईसाई धर्म-प्रचारक भूख से लड़ते हुये लोगों को प्रलोभन देकर उनका धर्म-परिवर्तन करने में खूब व्यस्त हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ईसाई धर्म-प्रचारकों ने पिछले तीन महीनों में ऐसे कितने लोगों का धर्म-परिवर्तन किया है; और

(ग) इस प्रकार के प्रवैध धर्म-परिवर्तन को रोकने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?'

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विद्या चरण शक्ल): (क) सरकार के के पाम यह विश्वास करने का कोई कारण नहीं कि ऐसा है।

(ख) एक धर्म में दूसरे धर्म में होने वाले धर्म परिवर्तनों को प्रोत्साहित करने की व्यवस्था किसी कानून में नहीं है। अतः इस बारे में सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ग) प्रवैध धर्म परिवर्तन का कोई मामला सामने नहीं आया।

#### Retrenchment in M/s. Braithwaite and Company, Calcutta

\*278. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Labour Minister of West Bengal has approached him for taking suitable action to avert the threatened retrenchment of about 2,000 engineering workers of M/s. Braithwaite and Company, Calcutta, who are pleading reduction of railway wagon orders for taking such a course,

(b) whether he has taken up this matter with the Railway Board; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter is being examined in consultation with the Railway Ministry.

#### Engineering Concerns in Calcutta

\*278-A. Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Dr. Ranen Sen:

Shri J. M. Biswas:

Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several large-scale Engineering concerns in the Calcutta area propose to retrench a total of over 5,000 workers on the plea of shortage of Government orders, raw materials and components,

(b) whether any action has been taken in consultation with the Indian Engineering Association to enable such firms to work at full capacity and to avoid closures and lay-offs, and

(c) how far these signs of recession in the Engineering industry are the consequence of devaluation?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Hathi): (a) Reports have been received regarding retrenchment of some workers by the Engineering concerns in Calcutta area. The Government have also received a communication from the West Bengal Government that for want of orders for Railway Wagon one Engineering Company is likely to retrench about 2,000 workers.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination.

#### C.B.I. Report on Former Orissa Ministers

\*279. Shri Surendra Nath Dwivedy: Shri Nath Pal:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official request has ever been made by the State Govern-