

East Pakistani refugees coming into the Basirhat Sub-Division, epidemic like cholera has started and several of the refugees have died in the absence of proper help given to them in time ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears of Payment due from Sugar Mills taken over by Government

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

(a) the names of the six sugar mills taken over by Government ;

(b) the amount of arrears due towards the cane growers and the Government by each sugar mill on the date of its taken over ;

(c) the amount of arrears of cane growers and the Government of such such Sugar mill now ;

(d) why the arrears of cane growers have gone up after taking them over by Government ; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the mills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Central Government have taken over the management of three sugar mills under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

A statement showing details of arrears of cane price and Government dues in respect of each mill at the time of take-over and the latest available position in that regard is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The cane price arrears are mostly in respect of the current year and are due to inadequate advances by banks which have been approached for increasing the same. The increase in the arrears of cane purchase tax is due to losses suffered by the factories.

(e) Efforts have been and are being made for growing better varieties of cane in the factory areas, better repairs of the plant and cordial relations between the management and labour to improve the overall working and efficiency of the factories.

Statement

Figures in Lakh Rupees

Name of Sugar Mills	Dues of Cane price etc. on the date of take-over	Cess/Purchase Tax on the date of take-over	Cane price arrears	Cess/purchase Tax	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Diwan Sugar & General Mills (P) Ltd., Sakhoti Tanda, Distt. Meerut	0.07	5.45	23.18 (5.5,70)	17.01 (5.5,70)	