

India and GDR raised the level of their representation to consulate General last year. It is the desire of Government to further strengthen these relations at the appropriate time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EAST BENGAL REFUGEE REHABILITATION

*441 SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA :

DR. MATHEW KURIAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मन्त्री
be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of work of the Com-
mittee on Refugee Rehabilitation ;

(b) by when it will be completed ;
and

(c) the amount spent so far on the
Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND
REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मन्त्री
(SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b)
The Committee have covered a substantial
portion of the work assigned to them. They
submitted nine reports dealing with various
aspects of the problem of rehabilitation
of refugees in West Bengal. A list of
these reports is laid on the Table of the
Sabha.

As a number of problems of complicated
nature are still to be looked into by the
Committee, it is difficult to indicate pre-
cisely as to when the remaining work will be
completed. Efforts are, however, being
made by the Committee to complete the
work as early as practicable.

(c) So far, a sum of about Rs. 7.06
lakhs has been spent on the Committee and
its staff.

LIST

1. Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons
from East Pakistan living at Asrahabad ex-
camp site and in Vagrants' Homes.

2. Educational Facilities for New
Migrants from East Pakistan in West
Bengal.

3. Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons
from East Pakistan at ex-camp Sites in West
Bengal.

4. Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons
from East Pakistan Squatting on Govern-
ment and Requisitioned Properties in West
Bengal.

5. Rehabilitation of East Pakistan
Displaced Persons through Poultry Schemes
in West Bengal.

6. Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons
from East Pakistan living at Bagjola Group
of ex-camp Sites in West Bengal.

7. Medical Facilities for new Migrants
from East Pakistan in West Bengal.

8. Industries Training Institutes for
Displaced Women from East Pakistan in
West Bengal.

9. Establishment of Industrial Estates
in West Bengal for Rehabilitation of Dis-
placed Persons from East Pakistan.

RESTORATION OF NORMAL OPERATION OF ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

*412. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/
इस्पात और खान मन्त्री be pleased to
state :

(a) whether any steps for the restora-
tion of normal operations at the Rourkela
Steel Plant have been taken ; and

(b) if so, whether the restorations of the
normal operations at the Rourkela Steel
Plant will involve a cost of Rs. 1 crore ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्री (SHRI S.
MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) It is estimated that the cost of
reconstruction of the roof and repairs in
the Steel Melting Shop will be about Rs. 1.5
crores.

ESCALATION IN THE PRICE OF STEEL

*443. SHRI ABDUL QAIYUM
ANSARI : Will the Minister of STEEL
AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्री
be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Public Sector Under-
taking has allowed escalation in the rates of

steel on account of escalation in the wages of the workers ;

(b) if so, the number of such instance in Hindustan Steel Limited, and Bokaro Steel Plant, and the amount involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member would like to know whether cost escalations as a result of wage increase are taken into account while revising steel prices. Since cost escalations include wage increases, the reply is in the affirmative.

(b) Increases in steel prices are made by steel plants with the approval of Government. During the last five years, general revision of steel prices occurred thrice. These increases were effective from 1st May, 1967, 31st July, 1968 and 1st January, 1970, giving an average increase of Rs. 48 per tonne, Rs. 46 per tonne and Rs. 75 per tonne respectively to producers.

CHINESE NATIONAL DAY

920. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether China celebrated its National Day in our country also ; and

(b) if so, whether we took part in it and what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Chinese Embassy held a reception on October 1 to mark the National Day of the People's Republic of China.

(b) The Government of India was represented at the reception by the Foreign Secretary as the senior most guest from our side.

STUDENTS OF OUR COUNTRY STUDYING IN U. S. A.

921 SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मन्त्री be pleased to state the number of students of our country who are now studying in colleges and universities in U. S. A. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : The number of Indian students in U.S.A. in 1970-71 is 12,523.

SECOND STEEL PLANT IN COLLABORATION WITH U.S.S.R.

922. SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have considered the request of the Russian Government for establishing a second steel plant ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) There has been no such offer.

(b) Does not arise.

STEEL PLANT IN TAMIL NADU

923. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been invited to a statement by the Tamil Nadu Industries Minister, Mr. S. Madhavan in Madras on September 6, 1971 to the effect that Government of Madras have initiated certain steps which would lead to the establishment of another steel plant in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) There was a news report on this subject where the reference was to the potentialities for exploitation of iron ore deposits in Thiruvannamalai.