

conference held recently through which vast changes could be brought in the co-operative movement of India and the co-operative societies could be made into a strong unit from the financial point of view; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जगन्नाथ पहाड़िया) : (क) छठी इण्डियन कोऑपरेटिव कांग्रेस की सिफारिशों भारत सरकार को अभी भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सहकारी संघ से प्राप्त होनी हैं, जिसने प्रथमतः उन पर विचार करना है तथा उन्हें अन्तिम रूप देना है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/ कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) Recommendations of the Sixth Indian Cooperative Congress are yet to be received by the Government of India from the National Cooperative Union of India which is to consider and finalise the same in the first instance.

(b) Does not arise.]

P. D. KAJORA COLLIERY

620. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 643 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1970 and state :

(a) whether Government have since collected information in respect of the underground conditions and working of the P. D. Kajora Colliery, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND

†[] English translation.

VERMA) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the required information was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 6th of April, 1971.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

621. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently conducted any survey to ascertain the extent of unemployment in the country; and

(b) if so the number of such persons in the country and what steps have been taken by Government to provide employment to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) No.

(b) Precise estimates of the number of unemployed persons in the country are not available. However the number of work-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges was 42.21 lakhs on 31st March, 1971.

Various development programmes included in the Fourth Five Year Plan in the field of agriculture industry, transport and communications, irrigation and power and social services such as education, health and family planning are expected to create increasing number of employment opportunities for the unemployed.

REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

622. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two hundred refugees from East Bengal who were squatting outside Kali Bari in Mandir Marg, New Delhi and have been sent back to rehabilitation camps in Kishanganj and Madhubani on or around April 12, 1971; and

(b) if so, in what manner these refugees have been rehabilitated?