

shown some improvement and it is hoped that all the supplies will be made in time for the completion of the Plant in accordance with the current schedule. A detailed itemised programme for the production of various items of equipment has been drawn up and its implementation is being watched and reviewed closely both by the management and in the Ministry. Some organisational changes in higher management are also being made.

#### ISSUE OF IDENTITY SLIPS TO BANGALA DESH REFUGEES

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

(a) the steps being taken to see that the refugees from East Pakistan are properly identified for help and that a proper census is kept of such refugees so that relief may be rushed to the proper quarters ; and

(b) whether identity cards have been issued to refugees from Bangla Desh ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Instructions have been issued to the border State Governments that the refugees from East Bengal should be registered at the point of entry within 24 hours of their arrival in India.

(b) These instructions contemplate issue of residential permits by competent authorities in the border State Governments to the Head of the family. The particulars of other members of the family have also to be incorporated in the permit.

#### RECLAMATION OF RAJASTHAN DESERTS

632. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :  
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Israel deserts have been reclaimed and turned into fertile land and whether the Consul of that country in India has offered the

services of the specialists of Israel for reclaiming the deserts of Rajasthan ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that in Israel desert lands have been reclaimed and made suitable for production of crops.

No official offer for any Israeli assistance in the reclamation of Rajasthan desert has been received. As reported in certain newspapers, Mr. Yaakov Morris, Israeli Consul in India, however, started in a press conference at Chandigarh on the 27th October, 1970 that "he looked forward to close co-operation between India and his country in the exchange of scientific knowledge and expertise, particularly in the reclamation of desert areas". Through the published scientific literature, the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, is aware of the techniques which have been used in the transformation of desert lands into fertile lands all over the world including Israel. The results obtained from researches conducted on introduction of plant species in desert tracts of Israel were also tried in the arid regions of this country and successful species are being introduced here. The conditions of arid zones of Israel are, however, different from those of India and the results of researches in that country may not always directly apply here.

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बरोजगार व्यक्ति

633. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली के रोजगार कार्यालयों में कुल कितने व्यक्तियों ने अपने नाम दर्ज करवाये हैं ;

(ख) उन व्यक्तियों में से कितने व्यक्ति इन्जीनियर, ओवरसीयर, डाक्टर, कम्पाउन्डर