

(b) if so, by what time it is likely to be materialised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Procurement of foodgrains by public agencies has already been extended to cover a fairly significant portion of the marketable surplus in the country. Public agencies like the Food Corporation of India, the State Governments and Cooperatives are already procuring foodgrains. The expansion of the scope of procurement by the public sector agencies is considered by the Government in light of the situation prevailing from time to time.

ACCIDENT IN COAL MINE AT KALITHAN ANGARPATRA

248. SHRI KALYAN ROY :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in a coal mine accident at Kalithan Angarpathra near Dhanbad in the first week of April, 1970 ;

(b) whether any inquiry and investigation have been made as to the causes of this accident and if so, by whom and what are the results of the enquiry ;

(c) whether any trade unionist has been associated with this enquiry ; and

(d) what steps have been taken against those who were held responsible for the accident ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) Three persons were killed in the accident which occurred on the 8th April, 1970.

(b) An enquiry was held by the Inspecting Officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety ; the accident was found attributable to 'misadventure'.

(c) No trade unionist is reported to have come forward to give evidence.

(d) Does not arise.

NATIONALISATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

249. SHRI CHITTA BASU : SHRI

R. P. KHAITAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to

the replies to the Starred Question Nos. 126 and 133 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1970 and state when the Government are expected to come to a final decision regarding the nationalisation of Sugar Industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : As stated in reply to the Starred Q.-No. 126 answered on 27th February 1970, it has been decided to set up a Com-

mittee to study the working of the sugar industry in the country in the context of the demand for its nationalisation and a decision in the matter will be taken after receipt of their report and its consideration by Government.

राजस्थान में शरणार्थियों को भूमि का आवंटन

250. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : क्या श्रम तथा पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सन् 1947 के बाद पाकिस्तान से राजस्थान में आये शरणार्थियों में आवंटित की जाने वाली भूमि को सरकार ने किस मूल्य पर देने का निश्चय किया था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि गंगानगर जिले में आये शरणार्थियों को दी गई भूमि का अधिक मूल्य लिया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि राज्य सरकार ने इस विषयता को दूर करने का सुझाव दिया है ?

t [ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO REFUGES IN RAJASTHAN

250. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) what was the price at which Government had decided to allot land to the displaced persons, who came to Rajasthan from Pakistan after the year 1947 ;

[] English translation.