

SHRI SURESH J. DESAI: May I know if any steps are taken to treat the Koyna disaster as a national calamity and whether other States have been requested to help on a large scale in the matter of rehabilitation work that is needed? Some of the States may like to give material, if not, financial aid. For instance just now the hon. Home Minister mentioned about 3 thousand tons of corrugated sheets. But I understand that about 10 thousand corrugated sheets are needed. So help by way of material can also be arranged by other States and they may be requested to come to the aid of the Government of Maharashtra.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : I have no doubt and the other State Governments will certainly offer whatever they can. I have got a very good example. Only yesterday the Chief Minister of Mysore, Mr. Nijalingappa, before he left for Mysore, came and told me that whatever the requirements of bamboos are there he was prepared to supply. He said any number of bamboos can be supplied even with a little inconvenience to his State. He was prepared to do that. And he asked me to convey this to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, which I promptly did.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : I wanted to say that the Government of Maharashtra has requested for 10 thousand tons of corrugated sheets while according to the hon. Minister only 3 thousand tons are supplied. Will he kindly see that the demand is immediately met?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : I mentioned 3 thousand tons because that was immediately offered. The remaining is coming soon.

श्री पंढरीनाथ सीतारामजी पाटील :
माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा कि कोयना नगर को फिर से बसाया जायेगा लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कोयना नगर के आसपास के गांवों में भूकम्प की वजह से हजारों घर गिर गये हैं और बेकार हो गये हैं। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या अगली

बरसात आने से पहले उन किसानों को फिर से बसाया जायेगा ?

श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण : माननीय सदस्य मेरी बात को ठीक तरह से नहीं समझे। मैंने कहा था कि कोयना नगर वालों को ही नहीं बल्कि आसपास के गांव वालों को भी बरसात आने से पहले बसाया जायेगा।

SHRI P. N. SAPRU: I wanted to know from the hon. Home Minister whether there is any means known to science to find out in advance whether an earthquake is going to come or whether any particular region is subject to earthquakes.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Sir, I am ignorant in the matter of science. As far as I know, there is none.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

GAZETTED OFFICERS UNDER SUSPENSIONS

*710. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gazetted officers who are under suspension on account of charges brought against them by the concerned Ministries as on 31st July 1967;

(b) what are the periods for which these officers have been under suspension ; and

(c) in how many cases have these suspensions remained for more than one year without enquiry being completed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) The number as on 31st July, 1967, is not readily available. The number of gazetted officers under suspension (excluding those under the Defence Ministry) as on 31st March, 1967, was 72.

(b) and (c) The officers had been under suspension for varying periods as follows :—

3 to 6 months	•	*	8	officers
6 to 9 months	•		8	„
9 to 12 months	•		5	„
More than 1 year	•		51	„