

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RATANLAL KISHORI-LAL MATVIYA): (a) No. The existing available balance in the Housing Account of the Andhra Pradesh Coalfield has not been fully utilised yet. When all the houses allotted to the Singareni Collieries are constructed, additional funds will be made available from the Common Housing Account to the extent needed. So far 7475 houses have been allotted at a total cost of about Rs. 194 lakhs.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of houses allotted by the Welfare Fund to Singareni Collieries is already more than what they are eligible for, in terms of the collection of cess from these collieries. The welfare fund has a phased programme of allotting houses to all coalfields with a view to providing accommodation for every mine worker.

#### MANUFACTURE OF TANKS AT AVADI

\*398. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the manufacture of tanks at Avadi; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to expedite production of tanks?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) Construction of the steel structure for the main factory has commenced.

Indents for the plant and machinery to the value of Rs. 5\*5 crores have already been placed on the Director General of Supplies & Disposals. The Tool Room of the factory is expected to be commissioned towards the end of this year.

Construction of the Township has also commenced. A temporary water

supply scheme has already been laid to meet the immediate needs of the factory and the housing colony. The work on the laying of a railway spur leading to the main factory has commenced.

(b) All possible efforts are being made to accelerate the implementation of this Project. Certain measures are now under consideration with the collaborators in this respect.

#### TARGETS FOR FOURTH PLAN

\*399. SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the steps so far taken towards the formulation of the targets for the Fourth Five Year Plan in the major fields of activities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AND FOR PLANNING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): As part of its work on long term development, the Perspective Planning Division in the Planning Commission has made provisional estimates of the demand for major agricultural and manufactured commodities, power, and fuel, transport etc. at the end of the Fourth Plan, within the framework of a consistent plan of development. This is only the first stage of work. The preliminary results of these studies are made available to various Planning Groups which have been set up by the Planning Commission and the Ministries. The detailed data and specific findings of these Groups would again be integrated in a fuller picture by the Planning Commission at the next stage.

Simultaneously, where the targets of 1970 indicate the necessity of advance action for their realization, steps are being taken as required.

#### RECRUITMENT TO DEFENCE SERVICES

\*400. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint that there is a large percentage of rejections in recruitment to various Defence Services; and

(b) if so, what is the reason for large scale rejections?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, some complaints have been received about this. On investigation it has been found that these rejections are due to deficiencies in physical and medical standards.

**MANUFACTURE OF BATH TUBS ETC.  
IN GARDEN REACH WORKSHOP  
LIMITED, CALCUTTA**

•401. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what special articles are manufactured in the Garden Reach Workshop in Calcutta and whether this Workshop also manufactures coffee percolaters or bath tubs; and

(b) if so, how many of these have so far been manufactured and at what cost and at what price they have been sold?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) In addition to ship construction, ship repair Cranes, Centrifugal Pumps, Johnston Deep Well Turbine Pumps etc., the following special articles are manufactured at this Workshop:—

(i) 'Mills' Mine Haulages.

(ii) Double Line Signalling Equipment for Indian Railways.

(iii) Cast Iron Vitreous Enamelled Bath Tubs. Coffee percolaters are not manufactured.

(b) 50 bath tubs have so far been manufactured for J. B. NORTON & Co. at a cost of Rs. 750 each.

**CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ON NAGALAND-  
BURMA BORDER**

\*402. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Border Roads Organization has started work for the construction of a 200-mile road on the Nagaland-Burma border;

(b) if so, what is the target date for its completion and what is the anticipated total cost of its construction; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the explosives supplied for the construction of the road do not fall into the hands of hostile Nagas?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) The construction of a road connecting Chakhabama with Imphal via Meluri (about 156 m.les) is included in the programme of the Board. Survey and trace-cutting for the road up-to Meluri were taken up but the work has been suspended for the present.

(b) No target date of completion was fixed by the Board. It is not possible to state the likely total cost of construction of the above road.

(c) Adequate precautions are being taken.

**U.S. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS**

•403. SHRI SUNDARMANI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of United States Peace Corps Volunteers in India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the present number is likely to be increased in the near future?