

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There are about two or three projects, but they have not yet sent up full details.

*268. [For answer, vide cols. 1581—86 supra.]

CLOSURE OF TEXTILE MILLS IN INDORE

*269. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers facing unemployment on account of the decision to close textile mills in Indore;

(b) the reasons for closing the mills; and

(c) the steps Government are taking in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Government have not received any information so far about the possible closure of textile mills Indore.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

REHABILITATION OF TIBETAN REFUGEES IN SOUTH INDIA

*270. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tibetan refugees sent by Government from Darjeeling and Kalimpong to South India for rehabilitation;

(b) what amount will be spent on their rehabilitation; and

(c) whether other such refugees will be sent there and if so, how many and when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) 576 Tibetan refugees including 109 children have been sent from Darjeeling and Kalimpong to Mysore.

(b) The scheme of settlement on land in Mysore of Tibetan refugees is likely to cost about Rs. 40 lakhs.

(c) The total number of refugees to be settled in Mysore will be about 3,000. Another batch of about 600 refugees is proposed to be sent from Darjeeling-Kalimpong area when accommodation is made ready for them on the Land Settlement site.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know as to how long will these refugees be coming to India and what steps are Government taking in this connection?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It does not arise from this question, Sir.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: This is a question I ask sometime in all humility. May I know from the Government as to whether, in view of the heavy expenditure that is being incurred in this connection, we have asked our friend, the Dalai Lama, to make a little contribution towards the expenses?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The Dalai Lama has been contributing, I believe, to various schools, etc., of Tibetan children in the north.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Will the climate of South India be suitable for these refugees?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Yes, Sir.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: That particular place is about 2,500 feet or even 3,000 feet in altitude. The representatives of the Dalai Lama who went there said that it would be suitable.

TRANSFER OF ALL MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS TO THE N.A.C., FARIDABAD

*271. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all municipal functions at Faridabad have been transferred to the Notified Area Committee set up by the Pun-