

whether the Prime Minister proposes to take up this matter of solving this refugee problem at some international level, as this problem is entirely caused by the acts of a foreign Government?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Evidently, Sir, this is a matter of importance and adds to our burdens. But I do not understand what is meant by taking it up at the international level. Am I to spread out these Tibetan refugees internationally in various countries or what?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: No, Sir. I want to know, Sir, whether the Prime Minister would take up this question before the U.N., so that it may be . . .

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No, Sir. We do not propose to do so. I do not see how that will help those poor refugees or India in this matter.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that this influx of refugees recently is due to the violent struggle going on between the Tibetans and the Chinese Government?

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

DECLINE IN THE PRODUCTION OF AMMONIUM SULPHATE IN THE SINDRI FERTILIZERS.

*22. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a set-back in the production of ammonium sulphate in Sindri Fertilizers Factory since the year 1957-58;

(b) whether there has been any variation in its monthly production also; and

(c) what effective measures have been taken by Government to step up production in the factory with a view to achieving the rated capacity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The production of ammonium sulphate during 1958-59 and 1959-60 was 3,30,122 tons and 2,85,248 tons respectively against 3,32,031 tons in 1957-58.

(b) Production in the factory is more in the cooler months than in summer months. Production is also lower in the months when heavy maintenance work is undertaken,

(c) Efforts are being made to remedy the defects which have come to notice and to achieve the level of production as in past years. Apart from remedying the defects steps have also been taken for the installation of an additional Gas Compressor in the Ammonia Plant and an additional Gas Generator in the Gas Plant. While the Compressor has been installed, the installation of the Gas Generator is in hand. It is only after the Generator is also in full commission that the effect of installing these two items of equipment will be reflected in the production of the factory.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: From the statement I notice that the production is lower in the months when heavy maintenance work is undertaken. May I know, Sir, whether the maintenance work was spread out during the last two years, as a result of which production has fallen?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: It is undertaken from time to time and the statement will indicate that the production varies from year to year.

But in certain months when special maintenance work is undertaken, there is less production.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: In previous years, prior to 1957-58, the production was well maintained. After that period I find here that production has sharply fallen. The reason given is that due to heavy repairs undertaken, the production has fallen. Thereafter efforts have been made and are being made to remedy the defects. I want to know what defects were found out in the working of the factory in these two years and why they were not set right within a short period.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: There have been various causes for fall in production this year at Sindri. One of them was that the coal supplies, which were being received at Sindri were diverted to steel plants and some substitutes given to Sindri did not prove satisfactory. Now, the original coal supplies have been restored, but the clinkering trouble and some other defects persist. The gas generators require complete overhauling and this will take some time.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Because of the decline in the production of ammonium sulphate in the Sindri Factory, may I know if we are importing ammonium sulphate from outside India and, if so, the quantity and all that? Is it available to agriculturists in sufficient quantities?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Efforts are being made to import as much ammonium sulphate and other nitrogenous fertilizers as possible, of course, depending on the availability of foreign exchange. Effort is also being made to import these fertilizers against rupee payment from some countries.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Is it not a fact that the supply of ammonium sulphate is earmarked for consumption in northern India only and not even one ton of ammonium sulphate is supplied to South India?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I do not know the break-up. The distribution is done by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

SHRI ROHIT M. DAVE: May I know, if the fall in production has synchronised with the installation of a new machinery at Sindri and that they have installed this machinery in spite of the fact that the experts advised against its installation?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I could not catch the earlier part of the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: His question is whether the fall in production is due to the introduction of new machinery which was introduced against the wishes of the experts.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The decision to expand the Sindri Factory was taken five or six years ago on the advice of experts. Those plants are not ready and they are under trial runs. They have some teething troubles and will go into production soon. That will increase the capacity by about 60 per cent.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING | PATIL: May I know whether it is possible to revise the price to indigenous consumers, which is very high, in order to give incentive to increase agricultural production?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

TRAINING OF EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED IN CYCLE INDUSTRY IN ASSAM

•23. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to train educated (matriculate) unemployed youths in cycle and cycle parts manufacturing industry in the Industrial Estate of Assam; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when Government propose to implement the scheme?