

times the members of the Municipal Committee have expressed their dissatisfaction on the way these parks are being looked after?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: I made enquiries. There had been no complaints from the Municipal Committee to the department.

INTRODUCTION OF A SIX-ROLLER CANE CRUSHING UNIT

*322. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Planning Research and Action Institute has introduced an improved six-roller crushing unit with B cane carrier and cutter; and

(b) if so, how it is likely to affect the Khandsari industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). It is understood from the Government of Uttar Pradesh that the introduction of a six-roller crushing unit with a cane carrier and cutter developed by the Planning Research and Action Institute, U.P., is one of the factors responsible for increase in the recovery of sugar in the Khandsari industry.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the patent of this improved roller crushing unit has been given to some commercial concern for large-scale production or not.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It has not yet actually been given on this basis but several manufacturers have adopted this particular equipment and it is now being widely used in the Khandsari industry.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, what would be the

approximate cost of this new crushing roller and what are its special features?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The special features are that previously cane was crushed by the crude method of grinding and milling. Now this is a more precise and integrated system using the teeth of the rollers, and the result has been that the recovery which was hardly about 60 per cent, has risen on an average to 67 to 70 per cent.

A.I.R. BROADCAST ON THE OCCASION OF POET KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM'S 62ND BIRTHDAY

/SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA; DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme was broadcast on the occasion of the 62nd birthday of Bengal's poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on May 26, 1960 over the All India Radio and if so, from which station; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not doing so?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A special programme of radio newsreel based on the function held at Choorulia, the birth place of the poet, was broadcast from Calcutta Station of All India Radio on 29th May, 1960.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether on the 26th May 1960, in the morning, when the whole of Calcutta was celebrating the 62nd birthday, any broadcast was made on that occasion?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: No, as far as I know.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, the reason why this was

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Bhupesh Gupta.

.not done when this poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam, is one of the greatest poets Bengal has ever produced and poet Rabindranath Tagore paid him very great tributes by writing verses? May I know the reason why this was not observed by the All India Radio in a fitting manner?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: As a rule, birthdays of living persons are not observed, but when very eminent personalities are there, we make special programmes on their 60th or 70th Dirthday or on some such occasion. In this case the programme was observed and a musical feature based on his life and work was prepared, not exactly on that particular day, but immediately after that.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister's attention has been drawn to some criticisms, in literary and other sections of public in West Bengal and other parts also, about the manner in which the whole question was treated by the All India Radio?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I have explained the reasons why it is not possible, because if we take up living persons for observing their birthdays, the number of anniversaries that we will have to observe will be very large and more and more demands will come in. It is very difficult for us to take up all of them.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: What was suggested was that on that day there should be recitals from his writings and also there should

be some kind of other broadcasts about his work and his contribution to the freedom struggle. May I know, Sir, why it was not possible when it was known to the authorities there that this poet had inspired at least a generation of the freedom-fighters in West Bengal and in what is now known as East Pakistan?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I fully appreciate the eminent qualities of the poet, but as I said, the reasons why we do not observe an anniversary generally

have been explained. On this occasion a special feature was broadcast. It need not have been on that particular day. It is not so very essential to do it on that particular day, but it was done.

*324. and *325. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1464-66 infra.]

WORKING OF TEXTILE MILLS TAKEN OVER DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT

◆326. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills have been taken over by Government on account of mismanagement or for some other reason during the last three years; and

(b) whether all those mills are at present working satisfactorily?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO) : (a) Six cotton textile mills have been taken over by the Central Government.

(b) The reports received show that generally the mills are working satisfactorily.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, how many of these mills are being worked by the Government directly, and how many of them are given on lease?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: They are not given on lease at all; they are actually administered by authorised controllers appointed by the Central Government.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, how many of these mills are working on profit and whether these mills are likely to be returned to their owners after some years?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That is a separate question. It will be considered as and when the problem arises. All the mills are not working on a profit.