

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 24th, August, 1960/
the 2nd Bhadra, 1882 (Saka) '

The House met at eleven of the
■clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*405. [The questioner (.Shri Bairagi Dwibedy) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2046-47 infra].

CLOSURE OF TEXTILE MILLS DUE TO THE SHORTAGE OF COAL

*406. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills which remained closed on account of shortage of coal during the last six months; and

(b) the number of work days lost on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AND PLANNING (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) So far as information is available, during the period 1st January, 1960 to 30th June 1960, 9 textile mills had to close for short periods on account of shortage of coal.

(b) Number of man-days lost was about 1,45,669.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how many of these mills are situated in Maharashtra among those that were closed?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: There were 7 in Maharashtra.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if the workers who lost their working days got any compensation from the mills?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: This will be done according to the provisions of the law.)

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407. [The questioner (Shri Ratan-lal Kishorilal Malviya) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2047-48 infra].

EXODUS OF ASIANS FROM UGANDA AND KENYA

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI

•408. IGAMf:
SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted any Asians of Indian origin to come to India from Uganda and Kenya and to stay here as refugees and if so, What is their number; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the shipping firms refuse to book accommodation on India bound ships until next April on account of mass exodus of Asians from Uganda to India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EX
TERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMAT

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LAKSHMI MENON) : (a) No. The Asians of Indian origin residing in Uganda and Kenya do not need any permission to come to India and stay in their motherland.

(b) No. On the contrary, according to the Manager of the Eastern Shipping Corporation at Mombasa, the "State of Bombay" on her July sailing left for Bombay with only 178 passengers on board as compared to the total capacity of 901. 723 berths were, therefore, vacant. On her next sailing on 15th August, the ship left Mombasa for Bombay again with over 300 vacant berths. Similarly the B.I.S.N. boats "Amra" and "Kampala" which sailed from Mombasa for Bombay on the 3rd and 16th August respectively had ample vacant accommodation.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if these people who are coming are coming in a regular way or they are coming because of disturbed conditions there?

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Savitry Devi Nigam.