

to the question that there is no response from the Pakistan Government in spite of repeated efforts to bring about a settlement in regard to our dues in relation to immovable properties.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know, Sir, whether there are going to be financial talks between India and Pakistan? If so, will this question of compensation and regaining the money which was left by Indian nationals in Pakistan be considered there?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Repeated efforts have been made in this connection. The Prime Minister himself has written to the Prime Minister of Pakistan more than once. After the taking over by General Ayub Khan of the administration in Pakistan, I wrote to my opposite number, the Rehabilitation Minister, General Azam Khan, twice, but hardly I have received any encouraging reply.

FIRE IN THE EXPORT PROMOTION PAVILION BUILT FOR THE 'INDIA 1958' EXHIBITION

*447. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state what was the loss as a result of the fire in the Export Promotion Pavilion built for 'India 1958' Exhibition?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): The hon. Member is presumably referring to the damage caused to the Export Promotion Pavilion set up on the Exhibition grounds a few months after the closing of "India 1958".

The accounts of this pavilion destroyed by fire have not yet been finalized. The information about the loss sustained will be furnished in due course.

FIRE IN A COLLIERY NEAR JHARIA

*448. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire broke out in the abandoned colliery near Jharia on the 3rd November, 1959; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to protect the property?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) A fire broke out in No. 14 seam workings of No. 3 Incline at Bhowrah North Colliery on the 2nd November, 1959.

(b) Protective works are being provided to effectively seal off the area and prevent the fire from spreading to the other pits.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: May I know, Sir, the number of houses which have been affected by the fire and whether the owners of the Colliery have been asked for stowing the abandoned area?

SHRI ABID ALI: Some 400 workers were affected. They were shifted to various places available nearby and the programme is that as soon as the danger is over they will again be shifted back to their original homes which they were occupying.

*449. [The questioner (Shri M. P. Bhargava) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2324-25 infra.]

*450. [The questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2325 infra.]

*451. [The questioner (Shri M. P. Bhargava) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2325-26 infra.]

BHOPAL CAPITAL PROJECT

*452. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the answers given to Starred Questions Nos. 467 and 468 regarding Bhopal Capital Project in