

INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNDER PUBLIC SECTOR

*118. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total investments made in all the industrial undertakings in the public sector upto the 31st March, 1959; and

(b) the net profits earned by these undertakings during the year 1958-59?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या मंत्री महोदया यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि ऐसी पब्लिक सेक्टर इंडस्ट्रीज में कितना नुकसान हुआ है और इस नुकसान के होने के कारण क्या है ?

श्रीमती तारकेश्वरी सिन्हा : जैसा कि मैंने बताया, अभी १९५९ के आंकड़े हमारे पास मौजूद नहीं हैं। लेकिन यदि ३१-३-१९५८ तक के पिछले आंकड़ों को देखा जाय तो फायदा ही हुआ है, नुकसान नहीं पहुंचा है। फायदा ५,५०,५७,६२९ रु० है और नुकसान १,२७,२९,१९६ रु० है। ये आंकड़े उन प्रोजेक्ट्स के बारे में हैं जो कलट हो गये हैं।

REDEFINITION OF THE TERM "BACKWARD CLASSES"

*119. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to redefine the term "Backward Classes", so as to apply it only to those classes of persons which are really economically backward?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA): The question of fixing the criteria for

the determination of Backward Class* es is still under examination.

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Sir, when the question is in Hindi, the answer also may be given in Hindi. The question here is in Hindi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Nawab Singh Chauhan's questions are in Hindi. They are put in Hindi here.

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: She sent the question in Hindi.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You seem to know better than she does.

श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या मंत्री महोदया यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि नये नियमों की लिस्ट में, बैकवर्ड क्लासेज की फेहरिस्त में, कौन से तबके आ जायेंगे और उन के लिये बुनियादी उद्दल क्या होंगे ?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: As yet there are no criteria established. Recently the Home Ministry had a conference with the Chief Ministers of the various States and there was a divergence of opinion on whether caste or other conditions also should be made a criterion for backwardness and that is being considered still.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: What conclusion these people came to?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: They came to no conclusion. They have not come to any conclusion yet.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: The question relates only to economically backward people. May I know whether Government is considering the question of socially and economically backward people?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Yes, that is going to be considered—the question of socially and economically backward people.