

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Was it not desirable for the Government to allow more time to the U.P.I. to pay off their dues, since only some Rs. 2 lakhs were due to the Posts & Telegraphs Department, which is not a big amount, and could they not have allowed the U.P.I. to continue for another six months or a year?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I do not agree with that presumption. This question was examined very thoroughly and we have had an enquiry made by chartered accountants and competent officials. But the indebtedness of the United Press of India was so heavy, especially the control of commercial interests over the working of the agency had become so much that we were not sure that it could function as a *bona fide* news agency any longer.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, only one question, a very constructive one. Having regard to what the Prime Minister just now said and also in view of the recommendations of the Press Commission, may I know whether the Government—that may be a suggestion for action—is considering the advisability of associating Members of Parliament from either side and others to discuss how quickly we can get a second news agency in operation?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: If Mr. Gupta and his friends suggest a scheme I am prepared to consider it sympathetically.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The questions are over.

'WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIA'S HELP TO BHUTAN FOR HER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

•246. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to help Bhutan in her development activities; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes. Bhutan has been generally assured that, should she so desire, India would be glad to help financially as well as in personnel for the fulfilment of her development plans.

(b) The manner and extent of such aid will depend on the nature of the request that may be received from the Government of Bhutan.

FOREIGN AID TO DEVELOP IRON ORE RESOURCES, TRANSPORT AND PORT FACILITIES

♦254. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seeking foreign help to develop iron ore resources, transport and port facilities; and

(b) if so, which are the countries which have been approached and what are the terms under which India would seek help?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Offers of collaboration for the development of mineral and transport resources so that larger quantities of Indian iron ore may be supplied to foreign countries, are being considered on merits.

(b) Discussions are in progress with Italian and German steel concerns.

निष्कांत सम्पत्ति का नीलाम, जिसमें मुसलमान रह रहे हैं

६३. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या पुनर्वास तथा अल्पसंख्यक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली तथा अन्य स्थानों की अर्जित निष्कांत सम्पत्ति को, जो कि या तो स्थानीय मुसलमानों को उठाई

हुई है या उनके कब्जे में है, नीलाम नहीं किया जा रहा है; यदि हां, तो इसका क्या कारण है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ऐसी सम्पत्तियों के खरीदने की कोई सुविधा उन मुसलमानों को दे रही है, जिनका उन पर कब्जा है; यदि हां, तो वे सुविधायें क्या हैं; और

(ग) क्या मुसलमानों के अलावा अन्य लोगों को भी निष्क्रान्त सम्पत्ति खरीदने की ऐसी ही सुविधायें दी जाती हैं; और यदि नहीं, तो क्यों नहीं?

t [AUCTION OF EVACUEE PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY MUSLIMS

93. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HANT: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the acquired evacuee property in Delhi and at other places, which has either been allotted to the local Muslims or is in their possession is not being put to auction and if so, what is the reason therefor;

(b) whether Government are giving any facilities to those Muslims who possess them for the purchase of such properties and if so, what are those facilities; and

(c) whether besides Muslims other persons are also given similar facilities to purchase the evacuee properties; and if not, why not?]

पुनर्वास उपमंत्री (श्री पी० एस० नस्कार) : (क) दिल्ली में निकासी सम्पत्ति के अन्तर्गत वह सम्पत्ति आती है, जो कि विभाजन के समय देश त्याग करते समय मुसलमान छोड़ गये थे। सन् १९४७ में, जब कि दिल्ली में झगड़े हुए थे, तो बहुत से मुसलमान, जो कि शहर के बाहर वाले भागों और मिली-जुली आबादी वाले मुहल्लों में रह रहे थे,

सुरक्षा के लिये मुख्यतया मुसलमानी मुहल्लों में भाग गये। इन लोगों में से बहुत से लोगों की सम्पत्ति और घरेलू सामान झगड़े के जमाने में लूटे गये थे। ये लोग सन् १९४७ से इन्हीं मुख्यतया मुसलमानी इलाकों में रह रहे हैं। यदि इन लोगों, जिन को माली हालत खराब है, के कब्जे की निकासी जायदादों को नीलामी के जरिये बेचा गया, तो सरकार के विचार में ये लोग दोबारा उजड़ जायेंगे। दिल्ली के अल्पसंख्यक अपने आप को सुरक्षित समझें, इस उद्देश्य से सरकार ने यह निर्णय किया है कि दिल्ली के मुख्यतया मुसलमानी इलाकों की निकासी जायदादों में रहने वाले मुसलमान अपने मकान रिजर्व कीमत पर खरीद सकते हैं।

(ख) जी हां, सरकार दिल्ली के मुख्यतया मुसलमानी मुहल्लों में रहने वाले मुसलमानों को अपने कब्जे के मकान खरीदने की सुविधा दे रही है। यदि ये लोग अपने मकानों की सारी कीमत एक साथ अदा नहीं कर सकते, तो उन्हें मुनासिब किस्तों पर अदायगी करने की सुविधा दी जायेगी।

(ग) दिल्ली के मुख्यतया मुसलमानी इलाकों में रहने वाले मुसलमानों की परिस्थिति विभिन्न है। दिल्ली के अन्य मुसलमानों को, जो कि मुख्यतया मुसलमानी इलाकों में नहीं रहते या उन मुसलमानों को, जो कि दिल्ली से बाहर रहते हैं या दूसरी जातियों के लोगों को, ऐसी सुविधायें देने का विचार नहीं है।

f[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF REHABILITATION (SHRI P. S. NASKAR) : (a) Acquired evacuee property in Delhi consists of property abandoned by Muslims who left the country at the time of partition. In the year 1947 when there were disturbances in Delhi, many Muslims who were living in outlying parts of the town and in mixed mohallas, fled to the predominantly Muslim mohallas for safety. In many cases, these Muslims lost their property and:

t[] English translation.

house-hold goods. They have been living since 1947 in these predominantly Muslim areas. The Government considers that if the evacuee property in the occupation of these Muslims, whose economic position is generally poor, is thrown open to sale by auction, it is likely that their present Muslim occupiers will be uprooted for the second time. In the interest of giving a sense of security to the minority community in Delhi, the Government decided that the Muslim occupants of evacuee property in the predominantly Muslim areas of Delhi should be permitted to purchase the houses in their occupation at the reserve price.*

(b) Yes. The Government proposes to allow the occupants in predominantly Muslim mohallas in Delhi to buy the properties in their occupation and where they are unable to pay the price in a lump sum, they would be permitted to do so in suitable instalments.

(c) The position of Muslims living in predominantly Muslim areas in Delhi is peculiar and it is not intended to give these facilities either to Muslims in Delhi who are not living in predominantly Muslim areas or to Muslims outside Delhi, or to members of other communities.]

खादी का निर्यात बढ़ाने के प्रयत्न

६४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खादी का निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयत्न किये गये हैं और अब तक कितनी सफलता मिली है ; और

(ख) किस-किस प्रकार की खादी को बाहर भेजने का विचार है ?

t [EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EXPORT OF KHADI

94. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts have been made by Government to promote export of Khadi and what success has so far been achieved; and

(b) what are the varieties of Khadi proposed to be exported?]

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय दस्तकारी विकास निगम (प्रा०) लि० को खादी का निर्यात करने के उसके प्रयास में सहयोग देने के लिये खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग कमीशन सहमत हो गया है । अभी यह नहीं कहा जा सकता कि निर्यात बाजार के लिये किस किस प्रकार की खादी उपयुक्त रहेगी ।

[THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). The Khadi and Village Industries Commission agreed to extend its cooperation to the Indian Handicrafts Development Corporation (Private) Ltd., in its efforts to export Khadi to foreign countries. It is too early yet to say what varieties of Khadi will be found suitable for the export market.]

EXPORT OF COCONADA COTTON

95. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban on the export of Coconada cotton has been withdrawn; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its withdrawal and what will be its effect on the exports of that commodity?

[English translation.