

the Works and Housing Ministry in cases where funds under certain welfare schemes are available for the welfare of workers and, if so, what is the reason for not drawing on the common pool?

SHRI ABID ALI: At present, Sir, we have about Rs. 5 crores in balance in this Coal Mines Welfare Fund. We want to spend this amount for housing, and if we need more, then we will think of other sources.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Is it a fact that this amount of Rs. 5 crores has been lying unutilised for nearly seven or eight years, and, if that is so, how long it will take to utilise this amount? May I know whether it is possible to spend it during the Second Five Year Plan period?

SHRI ABID ALI: This amount of Rs. 5 crores is from the amounts which we collect every year. With regard to the latter part of the question, Sir, we hope that within two years or so, we will be able to spend the whole amount.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या माननीय मंत्री कृपा करके बतलायेंगे कि सरकार के अन्दाज में एक मकान बनाने पर कितना खर्च आता है और क्या कम दाम पर मकान बनाने के लिए सरकार की ओर से कुछ प्रयत्न हो रहे हैं ?

श्री आबिद अली : इस स्कीम के मुताबिक एक मकान बनाने पर तीन हजार से तीन हजार आठ सौ रु० तक खर्च आता है । सरकार की हमेशा कीशिश यह रही है और रहती है कि कम खर्च पर मकान बने ।

REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS FROM EAST PAKISTAN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS

*625. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:
Will the Minister of REHABILITATION

AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress so far made in respect of setting up of industrial undertakings through private industrialists for the rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Pakistan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER of REHABILITATION (SHRI P. S. NASKAR) : A detailed note on the subject is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XXIII, Annexure No. 53.]

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that about three or four years ago, a scheme for starting certain industrial units—spinning mills—was adopted and the private sector was given a heavy concession to start such industrial units, and, if so, what have been the results?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Sir, this question has been fully answered in the Statement that has been laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, this question deals only with six factories nearing completion. May I know, Sir, whether these six are among the seven or eight which had been sanctioned four years ago?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Sir, we have sanctioned a number of spinning mills for West Bengal. I have visited some of them. One, I believe, is the Bengal Textile Mill in Cossimbazar, which is working to its full capacity. Others may be relating to Ala Mohan Das; there is that Dhakeswari Cotton Mills. Well, in some cases, Sir, extensions have already taken place and others are in the process of being set up. But I have given a detailed note which contains the evaluation report about each factory or about each mill that is in the process of being set up in West Bengal.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister has given some information about Shri Ala Mohan Das's mill. May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that a number of cases connected with factory mismanagement and all that are pending against Shri Ala Mohan Das, and, if so, why are such people being selected for starting industries of this kind, with heavy Government subsidies and concessions?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: When I went to Calcutta, I did not know most of those people. I began to know them gradually, but when this deal was entered into with that gentleman, I had no knowledge of his past records.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether he has any subsequent knowledge about this gentleman?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: In regard to that Sir, I have seen some reports in the newspapers. I am only concerned with my own—

SHRI ABHIMANYU RATH: May I know whether the Ministry is trying to get the news from Calcutta?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I stay in Calcutta, Sir, while my friend stays in Delhi.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the refugee organisations and the opposition parties have, time and again, pointed out that, despite the heavy concessions given to this element of the private sector, it has not been possible even to implement the Government's scheme with regard to industries for the displaced persons? I would also like to know the concession that has been offered to them.

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Sir, the number of opposition parties in West Bengal, according to my experience and the newspaper

reports, is so large that I cannot even count them. If the hon. Member is referring to the U.C.R.C, which is under his patronage, I am prepared to volunteer that information.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I surely think that the hon. Minister is not so blind as not to see the Communist party. May I know whether it is a fact that the Communist party, the Praja Socialist party—I am counting them for him—the Forward Bloc the R.S.P. and the Marxist Forward Bloc, these five parties, which constitute that minority of 100 in the West Bengal Assembly, submitted certain proposals with regard to starting industries in the public sector, so that these displaced persons could be speedily absorbed in such industrial undertakings?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Is he referring to the proposals submitted to the Government of India to the Government of West Bengal?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I am referring to the proposals submitted to both the Governments. There was one set of proposals which I myself brought to the Minister, and the other was taken there by people like Shri Jyoti Basu, Shri Suresh Banerjee, Shri Profulla Ghosh and others. Is he aware of such proposals?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I have read them in the newspapers, and I have also got a copy, costing about eight annas, of that representation submitted by his party to Dr. Roy.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EAIWINGS BY MARBLE INDUSTRY

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

(a) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to encourage the marble art in Agra; and

(b) how much foreign exchange has been earned by the marble industry in each of the last three years?