

Flour Mills are taking steps to put up their Mill there.

SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN COLONIES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN DELHI

*644. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the colonies in Delhi for displaced persons, have not yet been provided with drinking water; and

(b) if so, what is the population of such colonies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF REHABILITATION (SHRI P. S. NASKAR): (a) and (b). A large number of colonies and townships have been set up in and around Delhi/New Delhi. Pipe water supply has been made available in most of them. In others, arrangement for the supply of drinking water has been made through hand-pumps.

ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF COPPER SULPHATE

*645. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the annual requirement of Copper Sulphate of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): About 3,000 tons.

SETTING UP OF A PAPER MANUFACTURING PLANT IN KERALA

*646. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a paper manufacturing plant is proposed to be set up in the State of Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether it is to be set up with foreign collaboration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BONUS TO WORKERS IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

*647. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any uniform standard or formula for the fixation of bonus to workers in industrial establishments; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for introducing a uniform standard or formula for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) No, bonus claims are left to be settled either through negotiation or adjudication.

(b) No.

DROP IN INDIA'S EXPORTS TO U.S.A.

*648. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a drop in India's exports to the United States of America during the first half of the current year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such decline; and

(c) what measures have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to step up exports to that country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A fall in demand, decline in commodity prices and competition from other supplying countries are the main reasons.

(c) A number of measures have been taken on a multilateral basis for increasing exports. A statement showing some of the principal measures for increasing exports to the U.S.A. is laid on the Table of the House.