

was undertaken because the bridge was not functioning for about 45 minutes. They could not wait. They thought that they could cross over and unfortunately they took a route which was near the dangerous current.

SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: May I know, Sir, if the danger area in the reservoir has been indicated by a signal?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has the danger area been indicated by a red signal—he asks.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Actually certain ballies had been put up. It was also mentioned that no one should go nearer than about 250 feet, but unfortunately these boatmen took a risk and they were plying their boat much nearer the ballies than was safe enough to do.

SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: May I know, Sir, if those persons will be paid compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is a legal matter about which I could not venture an opinion. If they are entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, they will certainly be given and that will be dealt with according to law.

GERMAN WELFARE CENTRE AT ROURKELA

*714. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a German Welfare Centre at Rourkela;

(b) if so, who maintains it; and

(c) what are its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) German Contractors engaged in the Rourkela Steel Project.

(c) To provide social, cultural and recreational amenities to Germans engaged in erection work.

SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: May I know, Sir, if the steel plant authorities bear any part of the cost on account of this Welfare Centre?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: No, Sir.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: May I know the number of Germans who are in this Welfare Centre?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I think there are over 800 Germans working there. I cannot say whether all of them are using the Centre or not.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Is there a welfare centre for Indian workmen also there, either maintained by the Germans themselves or by the concerned State authorities or the Central Government?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Indian workmen employed by Germans?

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Yes.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I could not say. But there are clubs and other centres of social and cultural activities which are used by Indians.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know, Sir, whether these are maintained by the Government or are they maintained by their own subscriptions?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Which one?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The other welfare centre for Indians.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I could not say.

RELIEF GIVEN TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN DELHI

*715. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any relief was given to the victims of floods that occurred recently in Delhi: if so how much; and

(b) which are the agencies which give the relief?