

and there are drilling parties in Bihar and Rajasthan.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any mining operations are carried on to take out these deposits?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I have just given the list where drilling operations are being conducted. The list I have given refers to areas where field parties and drilling units are engaged either for exploratory work or for drilling.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. the Prime Minister what success has been achieved in the refinement of Uranium so that it can be used for atomic purposes?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I could not give a precise answer, Sir, but I believe that there will be no particular difficulty in doing that.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं जान सकना हूँ कि हमारा कितना फ़ौरन एक्सचेंज इस चीज़ से बच जायेगा और भारत को इस धातु की कितनी आवश्यकता है । कृपया हिन्दी में जवाब दीजिये ।

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question cannot be followed.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any schemes have been prepared to exploit and utilise all the Thorium and Uranium found in the States?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: There is not the question of any scheme. Our plans for the next several years are for development of atomic energy for civil use, and all these fit into those plans, and of course part of this material is sold by us too for good money earned or to obtain certain other advantages.

REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN DANDAKARANYA

*29. SHRI J. H. JOSHI: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area in Dandakaranya which has so far been made fit for the rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Pakistan; and

(b) what are the amenities provided there?

THE MINISTER OF REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) The work on the ground in Dandakaranya is expected to be started only during this month.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI J. H. JOSHI: May I know, Sir, how much more area the Government feels would be required and should be made available for resettlement of more displaced persons?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: We are making a humble start with about 2,000 acres for the settlement of about a hundred families near a village called Farazgaon, and that will be before this monsoon. But the real work will start after the next monsoon.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is the Government aware that the particular area mentioned is a black water fever area and may I know whether any steps had been taken to eradicate black water fever?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: A malaria control unit is working there and every possible precaution will be taken from the health point of view before any refugees are sent there for settlement.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: I refer to the specific black water fever. I am aware that anti-malaria steps are being taken.

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I will have the matter looked into. This

is the first time I hear about this black water fever.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: May I know what amenities are proposed to be provided in this area for resettling the refugees?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: We are going to have there welfare centres, mobile dispensaries, production centres, workshops and a number of industries including vocational and training centres. It is also our intention to see, when the refugees are sent there, that we send Bengali doctors, Bengali teachers and Bengali social workers so that their community life is kept intact.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if some of the political parties and refugee organisations in West Bengal have passed a resolution that this Dandakaranya scheme should be given up and that all the East Pakistan refugees should be settled in West Bengal only?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: The main point of the political parties unfortunately appears to be that this rehabilitation problem is not resolved but the intention of the Government is that it should be satisfactorily resolved.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Is it not a fact that black water fever is carried by mosquitoes and anti-malarial operations kill mosquitoes?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I will have that question referred to the Ministry of Health coming from a doctor as it does.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know how many families have been so far settled in Dandakaranya?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: None, so far, but we are hoping to move some families shortly and the idea is, before monsoon we would like to send about 100 families.

श्री पा० ना० राजभाज : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वहाँ कितना भाग आदमियों के

रहने योग्य है और कितने लोग वहाँ रहते हैं ?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I did not follow him; I am sorry.

श्री पा० ना० राजभाज : कितना भाग लोगों के रहने के काबिल है, कितने लोग वहाँ रह सकते हैं ?

श्री मेहर चन्द खन्ना : इस वक़्त हमारे कैम्पों में जहाँ तक बंगाल, बिहार, त्रिपुरा और आसाम का ताल्लुक है, साढ़े तीन लाख के करीब भाद हैं । हमारा इरादा यह है कि जितने भी हो सकें वहाँ ले जायेंगे और कुछ वही और बसायेंगे क्योंकि सब को बसाना जरूरी है ।

FERTILIZER FACTORY AT KOTHAGUDIUM

*30. **SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private company has approached Government for permission to construct a fertiliser factory at Kothagudium in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, on what terms and what action, if any, Government have taken in the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Is the Government not aware that recently the Government of Andhra Pradesh, as published in a newspaper, has announced that one private company has come forward to negotiate in the matter and that it was referred to the Central Government?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: No such reference has been made to us. Only the Registrar of Co-operative Societies of Andhra made some enquiries from