

EMPLOYEES OF THE NILOKHERI INSTITUTE

296. DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the employees of the Central Government engaged in the work of training personnel for Community Projects and the National Extension Service Blocks at the Nilokheri Institute that they are not given annual increment and dearness allowance; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of giving time scales of pay is under consideration.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS SET UP IN TOWNSHIPS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

297. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of townships for displaced persons where Municipalities or Municipal Corporations have been set up; and

(b) how the administration runs in townships where there are no Municipalities or Municipal Corporations?

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) (i) States in Western Region—23.

(ii) States in Eastern Region—Nil.

(b) (i) *States in Western Region.*—There are 24 such townships. In four townships of Faridabad, Rajpura, Hastinapur and Gandhidham, Administrative Boards have been set up. In the remaining 20 townships the administration is being run by the State Governments.

(ii) *States in Eastern Region.*—Six townships have been set up in West Bengal and these are administered at present by the State Government. No township has so far been set up in any other State of the Eastern Region.

NUMBER OF TIBETANS WHO CAME TO INDIA AND VICE VERSA

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

(a) the number of Tibetans who came to India during October to December, 1,955; and

(b) the number of Indians who went to Tibet during the years 1954 and 1955?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): (a) 12190, including 7,700 muleteers porters.

(b) According to the information available 5065 Indians went to Tibet from July to December 1955. Information for the period prior to this is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

IMPORT OF STEEL DURING SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD

299. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which Government propose to import steel during the period of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) the quantity to be imported from each country; and

(c) the rate at which steel will be purchased from each country?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) Steel will be imported from whichever country it is available at competitive prices. So far, arrangements have been made to import 1,403,750 tons of steel on Government account from U.S.S.R., U.K., Poland, China, Belgium, Japan and West Germany. A statement is attached giving the quantities and prices of steel so far received in the first six months of 1956. [See Appendix XIV, Annexure No. 97.]

(b) The quantity to be imported from each country will depend on availability and prices.

(c) Purchases will be made at the lowest rates possible, depending on the quality, specifications and delivery periods, etc. It is difficult to forecast rates accurately as prices fluctuate from time to time in various countries.