

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: If the Government do really want to encourage non-English newspapers, they should give them more advertisements.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Surely advertisements are meant to reach a class of people, Sir,—not essentially and primarily meant to encourage papers and naturally, papers with larger circulation, reaching the particular class who wants to read, get the advertisements. We would very much like to help the other papers but possibly they should increase.....

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Do the non-English Indian newspapers reach the largest number of people in India ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The U. P. S. C. advertisements, for example, are intended for the candidates who are eligible to sit for their examinations and they are generally the people who read the English newspapers. That is why they are given preference. That is what he is making out.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know if the scheme to have a flat rate for Government advertisements has been accepted by all the newspapers in this country ?

SHRI G. RAIAGOPALAN: There is no question of flat rate at present.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: In view of the reply given by the Prime Minister may I ask whether it is the English papers or vernacular papers that reach the people on a vast scale ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The class of readers—it is not the people in general but the class of people expected to read.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Nowadays our common people from the biggest part of the reading public, not the English-reading public.

Low Income Group Housing Scheme

*221. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister for WORKS HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise or relax the terms and conditions of the Low Income Group Housing Scheme in the States; and

(b) if so, in which direction ?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No such proposals are now under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Government has received any representation or complaint with regard to the terms and conditions of the Low Income Group Housing Scheme ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I don't know what type of complaint he has in his mind.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you received any?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: It is not a question of my having anything in mind. I want to know whether you have any complaint in your files ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: There is no such thing as a complaint. Suggestions have been received from time to time with regard to alterations in the existing terms. I don't call them complaints.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA. May I know what amounts had been sanctioned by the Government under this scheme and how much of it has been availed of by the people in the Low Income Group ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I would require notice because that requires figure work, but whatever happens, the allocations under this scheme generally have been availed of. In one or two cases, one or two States have made commitments even to the extent up to which it had not even been sanctioned.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Is the hon. Minister in possession of any communication from this Low Income Group informing him that all was well with that class of people and no necessity was there for doing anything in connection with the houses for them to live in?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I don't know what his experience of this scheme by the U. P. Government is. My impression was that they were doing pretty well and their Cooperative Department was in charge of this scheme. Different States have got different admi-

nistrative arrangement for implementing this scheme and I have a feeling and the reports are that the scheme is progressing very well.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Will he oblige the House by giving Statewise the number of houses provided for the low income group people?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Certainly, if a separate question is tabled, I will collect the information.

श्री बी० बी० शर्मा : कितनी इनकम को आय "लो इनकम" कहते हैं ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : छः हजार रु० सालाना तक की इनकम को ।

श्री बी० बी० शर्मा : क्या जो कर्जा दिया जाता है उसका सूद इतना अधिक है कि अगर आप ८ हजार रु० का कर्ज देंगे तो ४० रु० महीने आप सूद लेंगे ? उसका नतीजा यह होता है कि वह मकान किराये पर भी नहीं उठ सकता ।

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : मेरा यह खयाल है कि जिस सूद पर यह कर्जा दिया जाता है वह बहुत वाजिब है । साढ़े चार परसेंट या इसके करीब सूद लिया जाता है । सरकार भी इसी रेट के करीब करीब लोगों से कर्ज पर रुपया लेती है ।

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether this scheme is confined only to the urban areas and is not extended to the rural areas?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is not restricted to the city areas. Because the congestion there is the maximum, therefore, naturally, the State Governments gave some preference when the proposals for putting up houses in the congested areas were placed before them.

श्री अभिमन्यु राय : उड़ीसा गवर्नमेंट को कितना धन दिया गया है और उसमें से कितना वह खर्च कर चुकी है ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : हर एक राज्य सरकार के बारे में आंकड़े मेरे पास नहीं हैं ।

EMIGRATION TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

•222. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offer from any Scandinavian country for starting (i) passage-scheme; (ii) migrant intake; and

(b) whether Government propose to adopt the policy of emigration to Commonwealth countries?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) No.

(b) No.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if it is a fact that Australia has taken a large number of emigrants from Commonwealth countries and has rehabilitated them in Australia?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Yes, Australia has a scheme for taking up migrants from various Commonwealth countries and also from Scandinavian countries.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the number of people from European countries rehabilitated in Australia according to the Emigration policy of Commonwealth countries and the names of the countries from where these emigrants have been taken?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: That is a question which should be addressed to the Australian Government and not to us.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if Australia has made any such offer to the Indian Government?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: No.

AMERICAN EXPERTS ON SETTING UP OF AN ALUMINIUM SMELTER IN INDIA

♦223. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any American experts have arrived in India to advise about the setting up of an aluminium smelter in India;

(b) whether any decision about the appropriate location of the smelter has been taken;