

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, 28th August 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SURPLUS EMPLOYEES IN DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS

*407. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of (i) skilled, (ii) semi-skilled and (iii) unskilled employees belonging to Ordnance factories and other Defence installations who have been declared surplus and are now out of employment; and

(b) the number of such workers for whom alternative employment has been found so far?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE ORGANISATION (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI):

(a) 266 skilled, 2,979 semi-skilled and 3,568 unskilled workers are at present surplus to requirements in Defence installations. None of these has been retrenched so far.

(b) Alternative employment has already been found between the 1st of January 1956 and the 15th of July 1956 for 2,234 workers. Apart from this number some have been adjusted in alternative appointments at unit levels. The figure for these is not known and it will take time to collect the information. The numbers mentioned in answer to part (a) of the question exclude the workers for whom alternative appointments have already been found.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آنریبل منسٹر صاحب کی توجہ اس رپورٹ کی جانب ہے جو ڈیفنس منسٹری کی سنہ 1954 کی رپورٹ کے صفحہ 18 کے اوپر دی گئی ہے اور جس میں یہ کہا گیا ہے کہ سرپلس لوگوں کو نوکری دلانے کے لئے نئے طریقے کام میں لائے جا رہے ہیں - کیا میں جان سکتا ہوں کہ اس سلسلہ میں کیا پروگریس اب تک ہوئی ہے ؟

†[مولانا ام۰ فاروقی : کیا آنرےبل منسٹر ساہب کی توجہ اس رپورٹ کی جانب ہے جو ڈیفنس منسٹری کی سنہ 1954 کی رپورٹ کے صفحہ 18 کے اوپر دی گئی ہے اور جس میں یہ کہا گیا ہے کہ سرپلس لوگوں کو نوکری دلانے کے لیے نئے طریقے کام میں لائے جا رہے ہیں ۔ کیا میں جان سکتا ہوں کہ اس سلسلے میں کیا پریس آج تک ہوئی ہے ؟]

श्री महावीर त्यागी : जी हां, डिफेंस मिनिस्ट्री का एक लिएजां आफिसर इस काम के लिये मुकरर किया गया है । उसने चंद महीने हुए प्रोडक्शन मिनिस्ट्री, कामर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री मिनिस्ट्री, वर्क्स, हाउसिंग एंड सप्लाय मिनिस्ट्री और आयरन एंड स्टील मिनिस्ट्री, जहां जहां पर नये काम शुरू हुए थे, वहां वहां बातचीत करके हमारे यहां के सरप्लस वर्कर्स को उन जगहों पर काम दिलाने के लिए काफी कोशिश की है ।

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any private industrial firms have asked for skilled workers?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: No, Sir.

SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SHARMA: Have they become surplus all of a sudden?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: They are surplus because none of them has been retrenched so far. They are keeping idle till now.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I know, Sir, how this surplus has arisen in view of the fact that the activities of the Ordnance Factories are expanding?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I am sorry the activities have not expanded on the scale in which they used to be during the war and, therefore, the surplus has come about.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: For how many years have they been surplus?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I think they have been surplus—the exact number has not been consistent—but this huge surplus has been coming off from the day of the war and decidedly from the time of 1947 or so.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: May I know the number of natural wastage in the defence installations every year?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I am afraid I shall have to ask for notice of the question.