

names were recommended but I am not quite sure what actually they were.

PROF. G. RANGA: Among the names that were recommended from the Centre were there any engineers with adequate experience and seniority hamp from the South also?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, at one time we suggested the name of Mr. Iyengar, Chief Engineer, Hirakud, but subsequently we thought that for the period that Hirakud was going on, he should be at Hirakud.

PROF. G. RANGA: Are we to understand that the Union Government have found that no other engineer either from Hyderabad or from Andhra or Tamil Nad with adequate experience and qualification could be suggested?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: No, it was not so. When the Government asked for names these were the names given. If they can find out a suitable man, the Central Government will have no objection.

*288. [The Questioner (Shrimati Violet Alva) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1737 infra.]

TRAINING IN COTTAGE MATCH INDUSTRY

*289. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities are being provided to candidates who want to receive training in cottage match industry; and

(b) how many co-operative societies and other institutions have so far been recognised for the purpose of receiving aid as cottage match manufacturing units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) In addition to free tuition, trainees are given stipends, travelling expenses etc.

(b) Financial assistance has so far been provided to four institutions located at Bombay, Hyderabad, Rajkot and Kasiurbagram (Indore) for starting 76 'D' Class factories out of which 7 have already commenced production.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know what aid is proposed to be given to these units that have been started or are about to be started?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: A loan of about Rs 1,500/- has been given to each cottage match factory. Besides that training facilities have been provided and workers' parties are taken to the factories to see how work is done.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know how many existing factories there are where such training is being given?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The training is mainly concentrated at present at Khadi Pratistan, Sodepur, near Calcutta but after more factories have been started, training will be given at some of these factories also.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know what minimum qualifications are required for the candidates to join this training at Sodepur?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I cannot say off-hand but I know that stipends have been given to 60 Science Graduates and 60 under-Graduates. There might be others.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether there is any co-ordination in this matter with the Rehabilitation Ministry so as to provide facilities for training to the refugees who want to take up this work?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: There is nothing to prevent refugees from taking up this training at Khadi Pratistan, Sodepur.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: It is not a question of prevention. I want to

know whether there is actually any co-ordinated scheme with the Rehabilitation Ministry.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The Rehabilitation Ministry has its own cottage industries schemes. I do not think they have taken up this work.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know what is the difference between cottage-made and machine-made matches in regard to price?

SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR: The one is made in the cottage and the other is made by the machine.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: I wanted to know the difference in price.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Sir, the appearance of the cottage match is not as good as the factory match, but its performance is good and cost is competitive. Of course, there is some concession; the cottage production is charged excise duty at a reduced rate. With this concession it can stand competition from machine made match.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if it is a fact that different durations are fixed for candidates with different qualifications?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I require notice for such details.

LOAN GIVEN TO THE ANDHRA CEMENT Co. LTD., VIJAYAVADA

*290. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state the amount of loan or subsidy given to the Andhra Cement Co., Ltd., Vijayavada for the construction of houses for their labourers under the subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN

SINGH): A loan of Rs. 50.625 and a subsidy of Rs. 33,750 have been sanctioned to the Company for the construction of 50 tenements, no payment has, however, yet been made on account of the non-completion of the formalities pertaining to the execution of a proper agreement and mortgage deed.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Is it a fact, Sir, that the tenements are not occupied?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We have received information to the effect that the workers demand occupation of those tenements free of rent. That is a matter between the company and the workers.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: May I know, Sir, then what action Government is taking?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Let us hope that better counsels will prevail and they will start paying the rent which is due from them.

ENFORCEMENT OF LONGER DUTY HOURS IN THE GOVERNMENT PRESS, CALCUTTA

*291. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the clerical staff of the Government of India Press, Calcutta, regarding the enforcement of longer duty hours;

(b) if so, what are the grievances made therein; and

(c) whether any action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main grievance of the Clerks' Association, Government at