

The businessmen concerned have been informed accordingly.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, how many of these firms are at Hanoi and how many at Haiphong?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, I do not know the number of firms, but 200 nationals are in Hanoi and 130 in Haiphong.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that almost all the business firms in Hanoi have closed down because in October they occupied the territory?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: As far as our information goes, 20 firms still remain there and these firms will be closed down in course of time.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, how many firms in Hanoi had closed down and how many at Haiphong?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have not got the break-up of the figures for the respective areas.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Has our Indian Ambassador in China reported to the Government about the actual reasons for the closing down?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is obvious; because of the change of regime there is no room for middlemen in that area.

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी निगम : श्रीमन्, क्या यह सच है कि वहाँ की व्यवस्था में इतनी गड़बड़ है कि वहाँ आने जाने वालों को हमेशा जान व माल का खतरा बना रहता है ?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is not a question of security at all. It is a question of the new regime not being amenable to the existence of middlemen and shopkeepers in the respective areas.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is there discrimination only against Indians or Indian middlemen or it is against all sections of middlemen?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Against all middlemen.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, what has happened to their assets; and the assets of these various firms which have got to close down?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have no information.

DK. P. C. MITRA: What are the particular difficulties?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is a Communist regime where the entire trade will be controlled by the State and, therefore, there is no room for middlemen.

WORK DONE BY THE EXPERIMENTAL UNIT OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

•744. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the work done by the Experimental Unit of the Central Public Works Department; and

(b) whether the results achieved by the unit have been put into practice?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) The Experimental Housing Cell is at present engaged on the evolution of certain plans, designs and estimates for residential flats aimed at making the best use of building materials and construction techniques for constructing more comfortable houses at less cost.

(b) The houses erected by the Experimental Division will have to be examined from all aspects before they could be recommended for general adoption on a large scale.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if any novel practices of building elsewhere have been tried here?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Yes, Sir. This problem always engages the attention and the latest technique in this building line is suitably adopted

so that it fits in with the local conditions.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, how many countries' plans have been studied in this connection by the Experimental Unit?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I could not say off-hand.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the Experimental Unit has taken into consideration the International Housing Seminar that was held here and whether any of the recommendations made by them have been examined and experimented upon?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Yes, Sir. Representatives of the Experimental Housing Cell themselves took part in that Seminar and I am sure that the discussions were a source of considerable benefit.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether any experimental houses which demonstrate new methods and reduction in house building costs have been tried and built?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Yes, Sir, some of these flats have been erected, as I have already replied in part (b) of the question.

सरदार रघबीर सिंह पंजहजारी : क्या आज तक कोई भी आपके डिपार्टमेंट की स्कीम कामयाब हुई है ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : अगर कोई खास स्पेसिफिक चीज मेम्बर साहब बताये मैं तो उसका जवाब दूँ। एक जनरल सवाल का मैं एक जनरल जवाब दे सकता हूँ कि आम तौर पर स्कीमों कामयाब हुई हैं। अगर उनको किसी खास का पता हो तो मैं जवाब दे सकता हूँ।

सरदार रघबीर सिंह पंजहजारी : कोई भी कामयाब नहीं हुई है।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That if a question of opinion, Sir. And let us agree to differ.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how much money has been spent on this experiment?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I haven't got, Sir, the exact figure of expenditure, but actually this experimental Housing Cell has been constituted to effect economies and by adopting styles, cost to the tune of 20 per cent. In one design and 25 per cent, in another has been brought down.

BARTER TRADE WITH TURKEY

•743. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether possibilities of developing trade by barter with Turkey have been explored; and

(b) if so, what are the prospects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) No, Sir. Government normally do not favour barter deals.

(b) The question does not arise.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the trade delegation that visited the Middle Eastern countries has made a recommendation in this regard with reference to Turkey?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well the trade delegation has enumerated the difficulties experienced in the normal trade, but it has not recommended any barter deal specifically.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether Turkey has not been a customer for Indian cotton, and whether Turkey is not purchasing the Indian cotton through London now, and whether it has not represented that the Government of India should have trade by barter in order that it can keep on buying Indian cotton directly from India?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Turkey grows a certain amount of cotton itself. But