

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I have no information about the names of the companies.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: Was tea exported from this country also found to be adulterated?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: May I know whether the adulterated tea was confiscated and destroyed?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It must have been, but I have no information.

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON HOUSING

*831. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final reports of the United Nations Seminar on Housing and the South-East Asian Regional Conference of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning have been considered by Government; and

(b) whether any action has been taken on them; and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir; the reports have not been received so far.

(b) Does not arise.

RURAL CELL

*832. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Rural Cell has been established in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply; and

(b) if so, what is the work done by it so far?

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

(b) The Rural Cell has continued to tender advice on rural housing to the Community Projects Administration and the Development Commissioners in the various States. It has drawn up type designs-of model houses and complete layout plans of a few villages together with the types and specifications for houses for adoption in the rural centres. A Manual on Rural Housing, published by the Cell, is designed for the guidance of the Community Project workers in the work of assisting villagers to build better types of houses through methods of aided self-help and with local materials and resources.

DR. R. F. DUBE: Has it been implemented anywhere?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: The scheme is that technical assistance and technical help is given to the Community Projects Administration and it has been given.

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PLANNING OFFICES IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

*836. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a Planning Officer in each unit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) if so, what are the particulars relating to those officers—their number, salaries and duties; and

(c) what are their relations with the Planning Commission?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION**FOREIGNERS IN THE HONG-KONG OFFICE OF A.I.I.**

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreigners are employed in the Hong-Kong office of the Air-India International Corporation; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is their nationality?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes.

(b) There are eight Chinese employees in the Hong-Kong office of the Air-India International Corporation.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Is it a fact that after the inauguration of the air route between Japan and India, a high Indian official in Hong-Kong wrote a letter to Air-India International headquarters in Bombay concerning some undesirable characters known to be trying to get themselves employed in Air-India International's office in Hong-Kong?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: We make recruitments from outsiders. All appointments are subject to scrutiny of the applicants' record of service with their previous employers irrespective of their nationality. We take precautions to see that as far as possible undesirable elements are not recruited.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: The question is whether any such information was forwarded by a high Indian official in Hong-Kong and whether on the basis of that information, any particular action has been taken.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Not to my knowledge.

*Hni S. MAHANTY: The question is whether the eight Chinese belong to

Kuomintang China or Communist China.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: It is not very easy to know. Nothing is written on the face of any individual whether he is a communist or anybody else.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: He says that every foreigner is scrutinised before he gets employment. The scrutiny should also cover the question of nationality. So, when the hon. Minister says that eight Chinese are employed, may I know whether they belong to Communist China or to the Kuomintang?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: We have no information on that point.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Will he please get that information and inform this House before this session is over?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: We will try to get the information, if it is possible.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not necessary that the Government should think of enquiring into their other activities also, in addition to enquiring into their past service?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: It is very simple to suggest but it is very difficult in practice. Even in our own country it becomes very difficult to ascertain the antecedents of the employees, and in a foreign country where we have to depend upon the reports of a foreign Government, and their police, it is not so simple to ascertain all the antecedents, but we do take all the necessary precautions that we can about the past history of the new recruits.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: In view of the fact that a high official of the Air-India International has

MR. CHAIRMAN: He said that he had no knowledge of it.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: My question is whether Government will look into the matter and inform the House of the results of the investigation?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I have no information. I do not know whether that information is correct or incorrect. I am not going to take your information as correct. I have no knowledge about it but I will make enquiries.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: May I know whether he will look into this matter?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Of course, he will look into the matter. He said that.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know as to what action Government took when that letter was received?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If the letter was received.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: He would like to know that.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: In view of the accident that has taken place and the statements made by the survivors, is Government going to take any action and to look once more into the antecedents of those who were employed there?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He said that he would look into the whole thing.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: An Enquiry Committee has now been set up by the Indonesian Government. That Committee will go into all aspects of the cause of the accident.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May we know what was felt on their own side?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is an Enquiry Committee which is investigating into this matter. It will also scrutinise the antecedents of those people. Apart from that, you have asked whether such a report has been

received. He says he has no knowledge, but he will find out whether there is any such report or not.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

मध्य भारत में उद्योगों को ऋण

६६८. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने १९५४-५५ में मध्य भारत के कुछ उद्योगों को ऋण दिये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे उद्योगों के नाम क्या हैं और प्रत्येक उद्योग को कितना ऋण दिया गया है ; और

(ग) सरकारी ऋण देने के लिए उन उद्योगों को किस आधार पर चुना गया था ?

t [LOANS GIVEN TO INDUSTRIES IN MADHYA BHARAT

668. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given loans to some industries in Madhya Bharat in the year 1954-55;

(b) if so, the names of such industries and the amounts of loan given to each industry; and

(c) the basis on which those industries were selected for receiving Government loans?

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