

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that large number of people are kept on for years and then suddenly there are cases when their services are terminated?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

*g58. [The -questioner (Shri B. P. Singh) was absent. For answer vide cols. 2257-2258 infra.]

STOCKS OF KHADI IN ORISSA

*359. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge stocks of khadi are lying in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to dispose of those stocks?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) Government have been told about the accumulation of stocks of *khadi* in Orissa.

4b) The All-India Khadi and Vil-lange industries Board have already taken necessary action with a view to purchase as much khadi as possible out of these stocks.

The Chief Minister of Orissa is understood to be making a special appeal to all Government servants and members of the public to buy *khadi* for their sartorial requirements.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: May I know the value of the stock in terms of money?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: We understand that it is roughly Rs. 2 lakhs.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SODA ASH FACTORIES

*360. SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state how many soda ash factories are proposed to be established in the country; what are the sites selected?

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ected for these factories and what is the estimated cost of each factory?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): Government have appointed a Special Officer, who is at present engaged in working out the economics of production of soda ash at different sites in the country. His report is expected to be ready shortly. Final decision regarding the suitable site/ sites etc. for locating the plants in the country will be taken only after examination of the report.

SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Have any sites been suggested or are under contemplation?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: We are waiting for the report of that Committee. Possible sites in the country appear to be Saurashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Bombay, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra and Madras.

PROF. G. RANGA: Are these factories expected to be started by the Government themselves?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is yet too early to say.

PROF. G. RANGA: Government must be having some proposals before themselves for their own consideration.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: After collecting the¹ data and considering the data if it is practicable for any private concern to take it up, we shall welcome it. If we feel it advisable to take it up, we shall do so.

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS ON REHABILITATION IN WEST BENGAL

*361. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to page 28 of the Report of the Ministry of Rehabilitation for 1953-54 and state:

(a) whether Government have accepted all the recommendations of