

CLOSURE OF TEA GARDENS IN ASSAM

20. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many tea gardens in Assam have been closed down during the last two years;

(b) what is the acreage of these gardens; and

(c) the number of persons who were working in these gardens before they were closed down?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMAKAR): (a) Eighty six out of which 77 have since reopened.

(b) 43817.62 acres in the 86 gardens which were closed. The acreage of the 77 gardens since reopened is 41846.24.

(c) 49,620 in the gardens which were closed. 37,478 people are working in the gardens since reopened.

CULTURAL ATTACHES IN INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

21. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cultural attaches in the various Indian embassies and consulates abroad;

(b) whether the Ministry of External Affairs bears the maintenance expenses of these cultural attaches; and

(c) what work was done by these attaches during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA): (a) one (in Rome).

(b) Yes.

(c) Copy of a report on cultural activities in Italy and Yugoslavia is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 19.]

RECURRING EXPENDITURE ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS

22. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the recurring expenditure on the Community Projects after their completion; and

(b) what is the estimated percentage of the total area of the country that will be brought under this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The figure of recurring expenditure on the Community Projects after their completion, has not been precisely worked out so far. A reference is, however, invited to Chapter 15 of the Five Year Plan which says that the expenditure, mostly recurring, is likely to be about Rs. 3 lakhs per project.

(b) The intention, as visualised in the Five Year Plan, is to bring the entire country under extensive development within a period of about 10 years. During the period of the present plan, however, it is proposed to cover approximately 1/4th of the total rural population.

3 P.M.

CALLING OUT OF MILITARY IN CALCUTTA IN CONNECTION WITH TEACHERS' STRIKE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, let us proceed to the discussion on the President's Address.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA (Andhra): Sir, before taking up that discussion, I have to bring to your notice that I have given notice of a motion on the Calcutta incident

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes. I have received notice from you, from Mr. B. C. Ghose and Mr. Dhage. Though Law and Order and Education are State and not Central subjects, in