

(a) whether a representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is stationed in India; and

(b) what assistance has been received by India from the United Nations Organisation to solve the refugee problem in India?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU):

(a) No.

(b) India has neither asked for nor received any assistance from the United Nations to solve her refugee problem.

AMOUNT SPENT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL HOUSING

50. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state the sums paid by the Central Government for industrial housing to each of the States in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 and so far in 1953-54?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): A statement containing the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 21.]

HOUSING PROBLEM IN INDIA

51. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the total housing requirements of (i) the rural population and (ii) urban population in the country; and

(b) whether any survey has been made in this regard; and if so, what is the result of the survey?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). No such conclusive and country-wide survey of housing requirements has

been made. The fact that there is acute shortage of housing, both urban and rural, is however obvious and this is reinforced by the estimates made by the Environmental Hygiene Committee in 1949 and the information collected by the Planning Commission, though these are confined to urban areas.

PREPARATION OF DAM PROJECT DESIGNS

52. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and particulars of the dam project designs which are under preparation by the Government of India;

(b) the designs which were completed during the year 1952-53 and up to 12th October 1953; and

(c) the cost of construction of each of the dams, for which designs have been prepared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The number of dam project designs under preparation in the Central Designs Organisation of the Central Water & Power Commission is two. Their particulars are:

(i) preparation of detailed drawings for Hirakud main dam and appurtenant works; and

(ii) alternative designs connected with the Kosi Project.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the requisite information for 1952-53 and for 1953 up to the end of October 1953 is attached. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 22.]

BUILDINGS OWNED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN BOMBAY

53. SHRI D. Y. PAWAR: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buildings owned by the Central Government in the State of Bombay; and