

(c) whether the increased excise duty on cloth is the reason of such closure?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Honourable Member is presumably referring to cotton textile mills. As on the 30th November, 1957 21 cotton textile mills remained totally closed and 18 partially closed affecting in all about 29,000 workers.

(b) Enquiry into the affairs of some of the closed mills is already in progress by the Committees appointed by Government under Section 15 of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. In addition, to the extent to which the economic working of the mills could be improved by rehabilitation of the productive equipment, Governmental assistance by way of loans is made available from the National Industrial Development Corporation, subject to certain safeguards for the repayment of the loan.

(c) No, Sir.

National Sample Survey

*1296 **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Sample Survey for the collection of data on crop acreage and yield estimation has been carried out in the rural sector from September, 1957 with a view to fix minimum wage for tiller, and

(b) if so, the progress made so far?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The National Sample Survey are carrying out a survey from September 1957 for the collection of data on crop acreages and yields of principal late Kharif and Rabi crops of the current agricultural year in an experimental attempt to build up estimates of production for India as a whole.

This survey has no relation with the fixation of minimum wage for tillers.

The field work of the above survey is expected to be completed by May 1958.

Agrarian Re-organisation

*1296-A. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken at the high level discussions held in Mysore on 21st and 22nd September, 1957 on agrarian re-organisation; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): (a) The proposals which emerged from the discussions were that—

(i) the Governments concerned would proceed with their schemes of land reform and

(ii) closest co-operation was desirable between the Community Development movement and the Gramdan movement.

(b) The State Governments are proceeding with the formulation of their land reform proposals. Matters relating to co-operation between the Community Development movement and the Gramdan movement are at present being discussed with the leaders of the Gramdan movement.

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*1297 **Shri Narasimhan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how far the various projects for the stepping up of production of D.D.T. in the country have progressed; and

(b) whether the scheme for the doubling of the capacity of the D.D.T. factory at Delhi has been completed according to schedule?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) The D.D.T. Factory at Delhi has now reached its rated production capacity of two tons per day. The expansion project designed to double this