

श्री जगत दर्शन : माननीय मंत्री ने बताया कि जनवरी में बेरोजगार मजदूरों की संख्या ३४,८६० थी। क्या वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय क्या स्थिति है और उनको रोजगार दिलाने के लिये क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

श्री आबिद अली : इस सम्बन्ध में तो प्रश्न संख्या ५०२ के अन्तर्गत काफी बहस मुवाहिदा प्राज ही इस सदन में हो चुका है।

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister has stated that 34,890 workers are thrown out as a result of the closure. May I know whether it is as a result of the total closure of 32 mills or whether it includes also those persons who are partially employed as a result of the partial closure of the 36 other mills?

Shri Abid Ali: In answer to question 502 this matter was sufficiently discussed. My hon. colleague, Shri Manubhai Shah, has made this quite clear.

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): It is both.

Mr. Speaker: Shri H. N. Mukerjee, Shri Muhammed Elias, Shri Shree Narayan Das.

Shri Raghunath Singh: My question No. is 510.

Mr. Speaker: I have not come up to that. As Shri Shree Narayan Das is not here, we will take up the next question.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Question 510.

Shri Tangamani: Shri Shree Narayan Das is here. He is one of the sponsors of the question.

Mr. Speaker: He did not get up when I called his name. If he does not want to ask the question, I cannot force him.

An Hon. Member: He has asked it now.

Mr. Speaker: When I call an hon. Member he must ask his question.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: My name was not printed in the list of questions and that is why I did not ask it.

Mr. Speaker: I have got his name here. Very well, he may ask it now.

U.K. Transit Camps for Gurkha Recruits

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*500 { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the camps maintained in Indian territory by the United Kingdom Government for the reception and transit of Gurkha recruits to its army have been completely wound up; and

(b) if not, how long is the winding-up likely to take?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Of the two main depots at Lehra and Jalapahar, the one at Jalapahar has already been closed down. The other is expected to be wound up in March 1959. In addition, there is a small transit camp at Barrackpore.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether just near the border in the territory of Nepal the British Government are having a camp and whether some British soldiers are going to be stationed there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We do not know what is happening in Nepal.

Mr. Speaker: It is not in Indian territory. Therefore they do not know what exactly is happening elsewhere.

Shrimati Bona Chakravarty: For closing down these recruiting centres attempts have been going on for four years now. Why is it taking such a long time?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Till such time as they have their own arrangements, they will carry on with these centres.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Hon. Member is quite right that they are taking a long time, but one has been closed down at last and the other will be closed down in four months' time.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Industrial Committee on Coal Mines

*505. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sixth Session of the Industrial Committee on Coal Mines has been held; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Not yet.

(b) The report of the Mines Safety Conference is to be placed before the Industrial Committee on Coal Mines. But as the Conference has not yet concluded its deliberations, it has not been possible to convene a meeting of the Industrial Committee

Art Silk Yarn

*506. **Shri N. Keshava:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis the allotment of imported art silk yarn is being made to the silk handlooms and to the power looms;

(b) whether the system from quantity of yarn (lbs.) per loom has been changed over to Rupees; and

(c) if so, when and for what reasons?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 1].

(b) No, Sir. The system of allotment of the imported art silk yarn was never in quantity per loom. It has always been in Rupees per loom.

(c) Does not arise.

British Textile Mission

{ Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Bimal Ghose:
Shri Tridib Kumar
*510. } Chaudhuri:
Shri Jadhav:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a British Textile Mission has visited India recently and met Indian textile interests;

(b) whether any scheme for regulating exports of Indian textiles to Britain has been agreed to between the British and Indian textile interests;

(c) if so, the nature thereof; and

(d) what will be the effect of the above scheme on our foreign exchange earnings?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, Sir. Two members of the British Textile Delegation to Hongkong are reported to have had some informal discussions recently with Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Chairman of Indian Cotton Mills Federation at Bombay.

(b) and (c). Government have no definite information as yet.

(d) Any arrangement having adverse effect on foreign exchange will have to be considered by the Government at the appropriate time.