

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I could not catch the question.

Mr Speaker: He wants to know the reason for not taking them.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That is for the Portuguese Government to reply to the hon. Member. How am I to tell him why they are delaying it?

Shri Hem Barua: I want to know whether they have specified any reasons. They have withheld our nationals in Mozambique and Angola, and they have not specified any reasons for it. Now, this offer has come. Why is it that this offer has not been put into practice so far? That is what I want to know.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: On an earlier occasion, the Prime Minister had stated on the floor of this House that some three thousand old Portuguese soldiery is detained in Goa, and we have got some problems created on account of their stay here. If the Portuguese Government fail to take them back on their own from Goa, will the Government of India consider the possibility of removing these persons from Goa to some other part of India, so that complete normalcy might prevail in Goa?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I believe I hinted at that in the course of what I said here the other day, that if there is any further delay, we shall remove them to some camp outside Goa.

Middle Class Families

*135. **Shri H. C. Mathur:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state what note, if any, has been taken by Government, of the Survey carried out by the Central Statistical Organisation into the income and expenditure of Middle Class Families?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): The honourable Member is presumably referring to the preliminary studies on this subject published in the Monthly Abstract of Statistics for

June, 1960 and the studies for four cities published in the Abstract for November, 1961. Complete results based on the Middle Class Family Living Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey in 1958-59 are being tabulated. The data have been collected mainly for the purpose of constructing a consumer price index for middle class employees and steps are being taken for constructing the index.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: While these statistics are being tabulated, may I know whether Government have taken any note of the fact that it is the middle class families whose budgets have been completely upset during the last few years, and there is considerable resentment amongst this section of the people, and if so, what Government's proposals are to improve their condition?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I can hardly put forward Government's proposals to improve the economic conditions of middle class families in answer to a question.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the Government have any plan for giving additional work and subsidiary income to these people?

Mr. Speaker: Does that arise out of the question?

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Yes, Sir. We collect statistics for a certain purpose, not only for the satisfaction of collecting statistics.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is obvious that this question of effect on middle class families is an important question with which the Government are deeply concerned. On the one hand, so far as statistics are concerned, they are being collected and tabulated. Even apart from that, the matter is constantly being considered.

Shri Morarka: May I know how is it that figures collected in 1958-59 are

still being tabulated in 1962? When and how proper use of these figures would be made?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Evidently it takes some time. I am told, it takes time. Tens of thousands of families have to be visited, data collected and tabulated. They are dealt with.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that during the survey it was found that middle class families getting an income of Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 are indebted to the tune of Rs. 375 and persons who are getting Rs. 150 to 200 are indebted more than Rs. 200, and if so whether the Government would take some steps to see that the indebtedness is reduced?

Mr. Speaker: These are details of the steps that have been taken.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether the survey has revealed that the indebtedness of middle class families has increased.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The survey has revealed that in the middle class families the expenditure is more than the income which, of course, leads to the conclusion that there must be indebtedness.

Shri Tyagi: Will the Government give any precise idea as to what is a middle class family? Have they come to some conclusion with regard to the slab of income the families belonging to which will be or are recognised as middle class? What is the definition of middle class?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: When we use the word middle class it is naturally a vague term: upper middle class, middle middle class, lower middle class. In calculating or getting any information, only slabs of income are used: not the word middle class. That is too vague.

Shri Tyagi: What is the slab of income that has been taken?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There is not one slab. They are calculated for various slabs.

Shri Tyagi: The whole survey is vague. I want to know between which income slabs families have been enumerated or accounts have been taken. Unless that is precisely given, there can be no survey.

Mr. Speaker: Does it depend on occupation or income?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Both occupation and income: income from and above Rs. 100 to 1000—non-agricultural and non-manual employment: certainly restricted to urban areas and semi-urban areas.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Agadi: absent. Shri Bibhuti Mishra, Shri Tangamani: absent.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Shri Tangamani has authorised me.

Mr. Speaker: I will come later. Shri Mullick: absent.

भूदान का विकास

*१३६ श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि योजना आयोग के प्रविधिक दल की सिफारिश पर कुछ समय पहले भूदान के विकास के लिए जो १७.५ करोड़ रुपये की योजनायें स्वीकार की गई थीं, उन्हें कार्यान्वित करने की दिशा में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

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