

converting the occasion of the Short Notice Question into a means of discussing the Kashmir issue.

We shall proceed to the next business.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DISPLACED PERSONS IN TRIPURA

*398. **Shri Biren Dutt:** (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state what is the number of displaced persons who have entered Tripura after the introduction of the Passport System?

(b) What amount has been granted for the rehabilitation of these new displaced persons?

(c) Have new colonies been opened?

(d) If so, how many and how many people have been accommodated therein?

(e) How many people still remain to be settled?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

INDIANS IN KUWAIT

*399. **Shri P. T. Chacko:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Indian residents in Kuwait;

(b) if so, their number; and

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry regarding their condition, and if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Yes, there are at present about 1960 Indians in Kuwait.

(c) An Indian Goodwill Mission was sent to Kuwait in December 1948, with specific instructions to investigate, inter alia, the condition of Indians there. The Mission reported certain grievances of the Indian employees of the Kuwait Oil Company and made recommendations for redressing them. Appropriate action was taken by the Government of India in the matter. Since October, 1950, a senior officer of the Indian Legation, Baghdad, has been paying periodical visits to Kuwait to inquire into the welfare of the Indian community there.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

*405. **Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether printed copies of the final Five Year Plan will be available to Members of Parliament during the current Session?

(b) What is the progress of the Bharat Sewak Samaj in securing public co-operation for the working out of the Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Naanda): (a) Cyclostyled copies of the Report on the Five Year Plan will be supplied to Members of Parliament during the present Session.

(b) The Bharat Sewak Samaj has begun to function in several States.

SINGARANI COAL FOR TOBACCO CURING

*406. **Shri Bachhikotiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have received a number of applications demanding Singarani coal from various tobacco growers' bodies in Andhra?

(b) Are Government aware that the above variety of coal is best suited for tobacco-curing?

(c) What steps are being taken by Government to meet the demands of the tobacco-growers?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A representation was received by the Coal Commissioner from Guntur District Tobacco Growers and Curers Co-operative Society, Ltd., Ongole, for the supply of the major portion of their quota of coal from Singarani Collieries.

(b) It would be difficult to say so without examining the suitability of all other coals for tobacco curing.

(c) The current programme provides for the supply of 84 per cent. of the quota from the Singarani Collieries and the balance from West Bengal/Bihar and Talcher Coalfields.

HOUSES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN DELHI

*417. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi has got any new plan for constructing new houses for displaced persons; and

(b) if so, how many houses are planned for construction?