

INDIANS IN BURMA

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

(a) the estimated number of Indians rendered destitutes by the activities of the insurgents in Burma since 1949; and

(b) the total number of Indians repatriated from Burma since 1949?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). The total number of Indian destitutes repatriated from Burma from January 1949 to 30-9-1952 is 13,978. It is not possible to say in how many of these cases destitution was caused by the activities of the insurgents.

Shri P. T. Chacko: What is the total amount that Government had to spend for repatriating these Indians?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: From 1st January 1949 to 30th September, 1952, the amount involved was Rs. 8,21,635.

Shri P. T. Chacko: What is the aid which the Government of Burma gave for repatriating these Indians, and also for the evacuation of Indians, from rebel-held areas in Burma to Rangoon?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Government paid their steamer passages, and for their food and shelter during the days they had to wait in Rangoon while on shift to India.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know whether the Government of Burma has expended anything for this purpose?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I have already said that we have spent Rs. 8,21,635/- on these people.

Shri P. T. Chacko: That is by the Government of Burma.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: No. It has been spent by the Government of India.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether Government have any idea as to the number of Indians now held up in rebel-held areas?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I do not know, Sir, if the areas in the hands of the rebels are clearly demarcated, but most of the Indians who were in troublesome areas had come away from those areas by 1949 which was the peak of the insurgent movement.

Shri K. K. Basu: May we know whether the Government have ascertained whether these Indians have come out of their own accord or have been squeezed out?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We have no dealings with the rebels in those areas, and we, therefore, cannot ascertain whether they were squeezed out or whether they came out themselves.

PLANNING COMMISSION

*541. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent till 15th October, 1952, on the Planning Commission; and

(b) the further expenditure that will be required to finalise the Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A total sum of Rs. 24,96,185/- has been spent by the Planning Commission from its commencement up to October 15, 1952.

(b) A further expenditure of Rs. 99,500/- approximately, is likely to be incurred before the final report on the Five Year Plan is published.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What is the monthly aggregate salary and honoraria given to each of the members of the Planning Commission recruited solely for the sake of the Planning Commission?

Shri Hathi: So far as the salaries of the Members are concerned, only two Members at present draw salaries. Shri V. T. Krishnamachari draws a consolidated honorarium and Shrimati Durgabai draws a salary. The other Members who are, of course, Ministers, do not draw any salary from the Planning Commission.

Shri V. P. Nayar: My question was "What was the monthly aggregate salary?" The answer is that they draw salaries.

Mr. Speaker: Could he give the figures?

Shri Hathi: I cannot give the monthly figures. I can give the annual figures.

Shri Syamnandan Sahaya: Divide it by 12, and you will get the answer.

Mr. Speaker: He can give the annual figures.

Shri Hathi: The pay of these officers is Rs. 2,250/- and Rs. 1,800/-.

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): A Member of the Planning Commission is equated with a Minister, i.e., a Minister of non-Cabinet rank.