

LAND REFORM

*409. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have assessed the effect of the Bhoodan Movement on their policy of land reforms; and

(b) if so, what is the expected effect thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). The Planning Commission endeavours to keep in touch with the progress of the 'Bhoodan' movement, but has not had occasion to make a first hand and detailed assessment of its working or its effects.

Shri Heda: May I know whether there is any frequent exchange of views between the Government and the Planning Commission on the one hand the leaders of the Bhoodan Movement on the other?

The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda): Yes, there is frequent exchange of views between Members of the Planning Commission and the workers referred to by the hon. Member.

Shri Heda: In view of the fact that many State Governments have fixed ceilings and what they call economic or family holding, was the question discussed with the leaders of the Bhoodan Movement and what was their reaction? What are their views on these points?

Shri Nanda: So far as ceilings are concerned, the policy has been settled and it is being worked out. There is no objection to that from any quarter.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know how the fragmentation of land under this movement is expected to be counteracted?

Shri Nanda: Those who are conducting this Movement have made it very clear that they prefer the co-operative

pattern of development for the land they are securing as donations.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Are Government aware that in Bihar a target of 40 lakhs acres was fixed for solving the land problem of Bihar, and out of it, 30 lakhs acres has already been achieved? Does Government think that the land problem of Bihar is solved?

Shri Nanda: It has nothing to do with this question.

RATIONALISATION OF CLOTH MILLS

*410. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cloth mills where rationalisation was introduced in 1954; and

(b) the number of labour thrown out of employment due to introduction of rationalisation in 1954?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Rationalisation is a continuing process covering all aspects of production and management. It is not possible to specify particulars relating to individual mills in any given year.

(b) Does not arise.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether any estimate or any figures are maintained by Government of the rationalisation in the mills?

Shri Kanungo: Rationalisation of what aspect? Is it spinning or weaving?

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Weaving.

Shri Kanungo: Government have not calculated it because there is not very extensive demand for such rationalisation in the weaving department.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Is it a fact that in view of the rationalisation of weaving, the rates per yard become cheaper and also the rate of distribution or sale as a consequence, become cheaper?

Shri Kanungo: It all depends:—if it is balanced with other rationalisation elsewhere