

**SUBSIDISED INDUSTRIAL HOUSING SCHEME
FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS—HYDERABAD**

***1077. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of subsidy paid to the Hyderabad Government for the construction of houses for Industrial Workers under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme during the period from the 1st April, 1952 to the 31st December, 1954; and

(b) the number of tenements actually constructed in that State during the above period and the number still under construction?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Rs. 4.06 lakhs.

(b) On 31-12-54, the construction of 2,399 tenements had been completed and 1,136 were under construction.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEST BENGAL

***1078.** { **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:**
Shri Tushar Chatterjea:
Shri N. B. Chowdhury:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the situation arising out of the unemployment problem in the State of West Bengal;

(b) whether any demand for immediate aid has been received by the Central Government in this connection;

(c) the heads under which the aid has been asked for;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to stem workers and employees from retrenchment; and

(e) whether the aid envisages work for rural unemployed?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific proposals in this regard have been received recently from the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The steps taken by Government against retrenchment are covered in

the Industrial Disputes Amendment Act, 1953.

(e) Does not arise.

SYNTHETIC MICA

***1079. Shri J. R. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ascertain the authenticity of the reports about the preparation of synthetic mica somewhere in U.S.A.; and

(b) whether Government have ascertained how far scrap mica exported from India is used or is likely to be used in the manufacture of synthetic mica?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. Government understand that there has been some production of synthetic mica in the U.S.A.

(b) The extent to which scrap-mica exported from India is used or is likely to be used in the manufacture of synthetic mica is not yet known.

NANDIKONDA PROJECT

***1080. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the replies given to starred question No. 1497 on the 22nd December, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any reply from the Andhra Government regarding the modifications suggested in the Nandikonda Project;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) when the work is likely to commence on this Project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In January, 1955.

(c) Steps are being taken to start the preliminary work on the Project.

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***1059. श्री चिन्मय मिश्र:** क्या आज़िजक समय उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि: