

**Shri M. M. Shah:** It has come during the current year and certain clarifications are awaited. I hope it will be sanctioned very soon.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** The hon. Minister stated that the State Government had not sponsored any private concern. May I know whether applications from private concerns will be entertained without reference to State Governments?

**Shri M. M. Shah:** I am sorry there is some misunderstanding. What I said was that the State Government had not included these industrial cooperatives in their Plan. The industrial cooperatives took the initiative and sponsored the scheme through the State Government.

### Cheap Housing

\*1232. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations expert, Mr. Middleton, has constructed a weather-proof cheap earth-house costing rupees five hundred which can last for one hundred years; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the possibility of its suitability under Indian conditions?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar):** (a) I have seen a newspaper report to this effect.

(b) Yes, Sir. A similar type of house was put up in the International Low Cost Housing Exhibition that was held in 1954 and it was found that the cost was not as low as now claimed. Recent reports about its durability are not also quite encouraging. Besides, the technique involved is not easy and is not, therefore, capable of being widely adopted in villages without some kind of expert supervision.

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know what is the cost of the one room tenement and what is its life?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** It is about Rs. 2,200.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Life?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** May be anywhere at 50 years or above.

**Shri Heda:** What is the cheapest cost of two-room tenements under the plans of the Ministry?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** For two-rooms tenements add another Rs. 700 to this.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know whether Government's attention has been

drawn to a hut which had been constructed by the Forest Research Institute about ten years' back with earth and bamboo?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Government's attention had been drawn to it because the Dehra Dun Forest Research Institution is a Government institution.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** What about the P.W.D.?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** There is no such distinction.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know whether any such huts have been built?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Some have been built, I understand. For precise information I would require notice.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know where such huts have been built?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I have no information.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether Government is aware that our carpenters and masons know to build houses better than the foreign scientists?

### Rural Electrification

\*1233. **Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments to submit their plans for rural electrification during the current year; and

(b) if so, whether the States have submitted the plans?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** The Planning Commission in the First Five Year Plan had recommended that the State Governments should set up co-operative organisations for rural electrification and advance long term and short term loans to these co-operatives. May I know whether any of the States did set up such co-operatives and whether any long term or short term loans were given to them?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I would require notice.

### Aid To Travancore-Cochin State

\*1234. **Shri Achuthan:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants and loans sanctioned to the Travancore-Cochin Government last year from

(i) All India Khadi and Village Industries Board; and