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will hold a test and merit will be the only consideration for recruitment. Uptil January 1980, no news came from the Port Trust about the examination. Last year I enquired of the Chairman about the position of recruitment and I did not get any reply. At the same time recruitment has been done through Employment Exchange, while the applicants have been kept in the dark for nearly 1 1/2 years.

Suddenly, the application fee has been refunded after drawing Rs. 5 lakhs on one day and many M.Os have been sent from different places like Tuticorin, Madurai, Madras, Tiruchirapalli and Srivaikuntam. What is the hurry in refunding this from different places? The applicants have purchased guides, notes, etc. for preparing for the examination. They have spent much money on this. They have all been shocked to received back the fees, instead of the hall tickets. No examination has been conducted. It would have been better if an announcement cancelling the recruitment had been made. For two years the money had been in the Bank in the name of Port Trust earning interest for the Port Trust and other benefits for the Bank. The government owe a reply to the general public. What was the sudden need for giving advertisement about recruitment? How much money had been received from the aspirants? In which Bank it was deposited and what was the interest earned? What was the reason for dropping the proposal of recruitment? What was the need for withdrawing the entire money on one day? What was the need for going to different places for sending the M. Os.? How much was spent on travelling for this purpose?

(iii) AIR POLLUTION BY BIRLA CEMENT FACTORY IN CHITTORGARH

प्रो० निर्मला कुमारी शक्तावत (चित्तौड़गढ़): उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, विशेष रूप से बड़े उद्योगों द्वारा वायु प्रदूषण गंभीर चिन्ता का मामला है। अभी हाल में हमें इस विषय पर एक विधान पर चर्चा करने का अवसर मिला था। चित्तौड़गढ़ के ऐतिहासिक नगर में स्थित बिड़ला सीमेंट फैक्टरी द्वारा जिस प्रकार वायु प्रदूषण किया जा रहा है, उसकी

और मुझे बड़े दुःख के साथ विशेष ध्यान दिलाना पड़ रहा है।

फैक्टरी आवासीय क्षेत्रों के इतने निकट है कि यह लोगों के दैनिक जीवन को अस्त-व्यस्त कर रही है।

चित्तौड़गढ़ के प्रसिद्ध नगर के सैनिक स्कूल की दीवारें हर समय सीमेंट से ढकी रहती हैं। यह उस संस्था की दशा है जहां देश के सभी भागों से बच्चे देश की रक्षा के लिए प्रशिक्षण लेने आते हैं। हरियाली और खेत नष्ट हो रहे हैं क्योंकि फैक्टरी का धूल नियंत्रण संयंत्र अधूरा है। मैं केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुरोध करूँगी कि वह इस मामले में हस्तक्षेप करें।

(iv) RE-OPENING OF MOHINI COTTON AND TEXTILE MILLS IN WEST BENGAL

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur): Mohini Cotton and Textile Mills in West Bengal is lying closed since February 28, 1980, as a result whereof 2,500 workers have been rendered jobless. The Government of India had issued Notification under Section 15 of the Industrial (Development and Regulation) Act appointing an Investigation Committee to go into the affairs of the Mills. It is understood that the enquiry report has been submitted as early as in November, 1980. The Mills, if properly managed will be a viable concern. The continued closure of the Mills is not only affecting production, but has reduced the large number of workers to the level of starvation and is also seriously affecting the economy of the State. It is a matter of regret and concern that in spite of several representations made by the Workers' Unions as well as the Government of West Bengal, the Central Government has not taken any step for the take-over of the Mill. I request the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce to take immediate steps for the re-opening of Mohini Mills so that the Mills can start production and the workers get back their jobs.