

SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: I do not know.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Even if your figure of 4,000 is correct, suddenly they did not go to Tripura. That is why, I said, it is continuous process. Suddenly, a bulk of refugees came, therefore, the attention of the Government and the press had been drawn. Otherwise, it is continuously happening. They are coming to West Bengal, Tripura and Assam almost everyday.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I think, he understands it.

SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: Out of 4,000, there are 2,000 who are in the camps. Now, we are making every effort to see that these people are persuaded to go back. Therefore, the time we came to know of this, we sent out instructions.

*(Interruptions).

I would assure Prof. Guha and through Prof. Guha the entire House that we are not adopting any coercive measures in asking these refugees to go back. We have been persuading them. I can further say that when this matter came up, we immediately expressed our concern to Bangladesh Government to the High Commissioner. We sent our officers to look into it and we are in constant touch with the Tripura Government. Perhaps, Prof. Samar Guha does not know that there has been a delay of about a month or so in sending these refugees. This delay occurred because we patiently went on telling them, arguing with them, convincing them that we have been assured that if you go back, there will be no harassment. We have our difficulties. Had Prof. Samar Guha been a Minister, I think he would have also faced these difficulties.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: God is so merciful to me!

SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: If he wants to really help anybody, he should cooperate in all spheres and see that at least these refugees go back, that they are happily settled and that they are not harassed.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: I want to know one thing. What happened to the commitment that was made by Gen. Zia to our Prime Minister when he visited last in regard to the security and other problems of the minorities there? Has even an iota of that commitment been fulfilled? That is the main thing.

SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: Therefore, I would say, to the best of our ability -- I could not say to the satisfaction of Prof. Samar Guha--we are trying to see that these refugees go back from the country.

14.35 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TWENTIETH REPORT

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): I beg to move.

"That this House do agree with the Twentieth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 26th July, 1978.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Twentieth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 26th July 1978."

The motion was adopted.