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COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHE-DULED TRIBES

THIRTY-FIFTH AND THIRTY-SIXTA REPORTS OF STUBY TOURS

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR (Jaynagar): I, present the following Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:--

(1) Third-fifth Report on the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Department of Agriculture)— Reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Headquarters) the Indian Agricultural Research Institute and the Directorate of Extension.

(2) Thirty-sixth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Twenty-seventh Report on the Ministry of Finance (Department of Banking)—Reservations for, and employment of, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Reserve Bank of India and Its Associate Institutions.

(3) Report of Study Tour of Study Group I of the Committee on its visit to Bombay, Poons, Goa, Bengalore, Madras and Hyderabad, during January, 1975.

(4) Report of Study Tour of Study Group II of the Committee on its visit to Calcutta and Andaman & Nicobar Islands in January, 1975.

PETITION RE. GRIEVANCES OF WORKERS OF RAYON FACTORIES

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore): I beg to present a petition signed by Shri S. K. Das and others regarding grievances of workers of the Rayon Sactories. This is the report which was published in 1958 and this Government have not implemented the recommendations made therein. Seven thousand workers are involved.

STATEMENT RE. PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES FROM FORMER EAST PAKISTAN IN WEST BENGAL

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): Since I gave an assurance in the Parliament that Government of India is seriously considering the question of rehabilitation of the refugees in West Bengal, it is proposed to set up very shortly a Working Group consisting of representatives of the State Government of West Bengal, Planning Commission, Finance Ministry of Government of India and the Department of Rehabilitation of the Government of India to urgently identify the rehabilitation schemes which need to be initiated or continued, to merge as many of them as possible with the development schemes of the State Government; and to assess the financial assistance which may be needed. It is hoped that the Working Group will submit a report as soon as possible.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai): I draw your attention to the fact that when I had raised a question about this matter, the hon. Minister had said that he was going to reply to that in the course of the statement that he was going to make. This is on record. As regards the question that I had raised, he does not utter a word in the statement he has made. What am I to do? Just an hour ago, in reply to one of mfy questions, he said he would deal with it in the statement he was going to make.

MR. SPEAKER: This was already prepared. You asked another one.

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