

Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No country has opposed Chinese participation.

Increase in Industrial Employment

*495. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the industrial employment during the last three months ;

(b) the extent to which the increase, if any, is due to the reopening of the closed mills ; and

(c) whether Government have any definite time-bound programme for reopening the remaining closed mills in the States and if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b). The relevant information is not yet available.

(c) While the Ministry of Labour have no time bound programme as such for securing re-opening of the closed mills, they have recently requested the State Governments to carry out a case-by-case study of units, which had closed down due to labour troubles and to make efforts to secure the re-opening of such units.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI : From the answer of the hon. Minister I understand that they have no information regarding the increase in industrial employment that has taken place in the last three months. That shows that there has been no increase in the industrial employment.

In the background of this, I would like to know what efforts the Government are making to re-open the closed mills. Is there any proposal with the Government to set up a committee to see that in regard to those mills which are already in the red or on the verge of closing some action is taken to see that they do not close and proper steps are taken to see that they keep on continuing instead of thinking of re-opening closed mills only ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : Already we have taken steps by introducing in this House also legislation providing 60 days' notice if the proprietors apprehend closure. That is the only way to prevent closure so that whatever difficulties are there in the way of running a concern can be sorted out and it could be helped to keep going.

So far as the other part is concerned, it is left to the State Government to study case by case and later on, if it is found feasible, initiate action for taking it over.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI : In the mid-term appraisal of the Fourth Five Year Plan it has been stated that industrial employment in private sector industries has gone down. What efforts have been made to step up industrial employment in the private sector industries ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : Just now as I have said, for the last quarter, I have no complete figures. So far as this statement is concerned, I am not in a position to say anything.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : May I know from the Minister whether he can give us details and State-wise break-up of the closed factories ? In how many cases did he get the report from the State Government regarding the conditions under which these closed factories may be re-opened in the shortest time ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : Certainly, if you so desire, I will collect and place all these figures on the Table of the House. I do not have them just now.

So far as the State Governments are concerned, particularly, the State of West Bengal, all efforts are being made to see that the factories are soon re-opened if—it is a big "if"—labour also extends full support and co-operation.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : But your Government is not coming forward.

SHRI VASANTRAO PURUSHOTTAM SATHE : In view of the fact that about 70 mills in the country have closed down and more are about to, and in view also of the fact that cloth production in the mill sector has gone down considerably, is the Government of India considering a bold scheme of

taking over these mills and rehabilitating them on a proper footing so that the cloth production may go up and employees may get employment ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is all information and suggestions. Still it is a supplementary.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : About sixty mills are taken over and some of them are relief undertakings.

So far as cloth production and other aspects are concerned, he should address this question to the Foreign Trade Minister.

श्री कृष्ण चन्द पाडे : मैं श्रम मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि किम प्रदेश में अधिक मिलें बन्द हुई हैं या बन्द होने की आशंका है ? क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में अधिक संख्या में चीनी मिलें और सूत की मिलें बन्द हैं ? यदि हाँ, तो कारण क्या हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मंत्री महोदय कहते हैं कि वह इस को टेबल पर रख देंगे ।

SHRI THA KIRUTTINAN : Is it a fact that many State Governments are not able to re-open closed mills only because the Central Government has not permitted them and also the Government of India has not sanctioned the 51 per cent of the shares ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : It is not a correct statement. If preliminary investigation proves that it is likely to be viable and could be run, certainly, the State Government encourage reopening of the mills. In the case of Tamilnadu, one or two mills were reopened. Government has borne its share of the financial responsibility.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछबाय : जो उद्योग बन्द हो रहे हैं, वे अधिकांशतः पुराने उद्योग हैं। उनके मालिक उन उद्योगों के नाम से सरकार से ऋण लेते हैं और उम रुपये को दूसरे उद्योगों में लगा देते हैं। इस कारण वे उद्योग बन्द हो रहे हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उद्योगों को इस प्रकार बन्द होने से रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाया है।

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : Quite a few industries which are closed are due to mismanagement, or as the Member suggested, because the management or the proprietors

had taken the cream out of the concern and then left it there as sick unit or unit not in a position to function, etc. That is true.

MR. SPEAKER : Question 496, Shri Venkatasubbaiah—absent. Question 497, Shri Baladhandayutham—absent. Question 498, Shri Varkey George—absent.

All the three Members are absent ; they are preventing the chance for the other Members. वे प्रश्न कर देते हैं, लेकिन हाउम में मौजूद नहीं होते ।

SHRI PILLOO MODY : Let us put them all in jail !

ए० सी० सी०, नौरोजाबाद (मध्य प्रदेश) स्थित कोयला खान का बन्द हो जाना

*499. श्री धनशाह प्रधान : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के शाहडौल जिले में नौरोजाबाद स्थित ए० सी० सी० कोयला खान बन्द कर दी गई है ; और यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या वहाँ पर काम करने वाले लगभग 6,000 कर्मचारी बेरोजगार हो गए हैं ; और

(ग) इन 6,000 कर्मचारियों और उनके परिवारों के लिए रोजी-रोटी की व्यवस्था करने के लिए सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :

(a) to (c). Due to outbreak of fire in the mine and to ensure the safety of the employees, the Mines Inspectorate ordered stoppage of normal working of the mine with effect from the 28th February, 1972. About 1300 workmen have been affected. Government is exploring ways and means to restart the functioning of the Colliery. It is expected that work in one of the inclines will be resumed shortly and about 500 workers will be employed. In the meantime the possibilities of finding jobs for the affected workmen in neighbouring colliery of