

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: It is now very difficult to indicate it, as many agencies will work and they will work together. We cannot give the break-up at this stage.

Labour Welfare Centres for Agricultural Labour in West Bengal

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*315. **SHRI TUNA ORAON;**
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to open ordinary labour welfare centres for agricultural labour during the Fifth Plan period in the 17 districts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

During 1975-76, the following 4 Labour Welfare Centres have been sanctioned which are to be opened shortly:—

- (i) Chamadanga (Hooghly District).
- (ii) Jhargram (Midnapore District).
- (iii) Bud-bud (Burdwan District).
- (iv) Kaligunj (West Dinajpur District).

During 1976-77, 6 Labour Welfare Centres and during 1977-78, 7 Labour Welfare Centres are proposed to be opened.

The Centres will provide facilities for in-door and out-door games, radio, newspapers and journals, library, group-discussions, occasional films shows, music etc., to the Agricultural Labourers and their families.

श्री दुना उराव : यह चार लेबर वेलफेयर सेंटर जो सैंकशन हुए हैं वह कब तक खोले जाएंगे और 76-77 में 6 सेंटर जो खोलने की बात है तथा 77-78 में 7 लेबर सेंटर खोलने की बात है तो ये कहां कहां और किस किस जिले में खोले जायेंगे ।

SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY: During the year 1975-76, as I had submitted, the following Labour Welfare Centres have been sanctioned, which are to be opened shortly—1 in Hooghly district, Midnapore district, Burdwan district and West Dinajpur district. During 1976-77, six welfare centres and during 1977-78 seven labour welfare centres are proposed to be opened. As far as the location of the welfare centres during 1976-77 and 1977-78 is concerned, it will be decided in consultation with the State Government.

श्री दुना उराव : पूरे फिक्स फाइव ईयर प्लान में कितने ऐसे सेंटर खुलेंगे इस का पूरा विवरण आप ने नहीं दिया है । मैं पूरा विवरण जानना चाहता हूँ ।

SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY: I do not have the total number. The question is confined to West Bengal. If the hon. Member wants the total number, if he gives notice, I can collect it and supply it to him.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR: It is good to know that recreation centres are proposed to be opened in West Bengal. Is there any proposal to open similar centres in Tamil Nadu and other States of India?

MR. SPEAKER: The Question is regarding West Bengal.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR: But it is a national problem; not a problem confined to West Bengal.

Mr. Speaker: He can raise it at some other time.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: The Minister has stated that these welfare centres would be in the nature of recreation centres for agricultural labour. As he is aware, in West Bengal the agricultural labour is not getting the minimum wage. What machinery has the Government got to see that the agricultural labour is guaranteed the minimum wage in West Bengal?

SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY: The implementation of the minimum wage under the Minimum Wages Act comes within the purview of the State Government. In view of the decision taken by the Labour Ministers' Conference, various State Governments have been persuaded to revise their minimum wages and steps are being taken very vigorously to pursue the same.

Development of Villages surrounding Public Sector Steel Plants

*316. **SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some measures are proposed to be taken by the public sector steel plants for development of villages surrounding them; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). The Memorandum of Agreement reached by the Joint Negotiating Committee for the Steel Industry on 30th July, 1975, provides, among other things, that in view of the fact that it has not been possible to provide housing facility to all the employees of the companies and a number of such employees live in bustees and communities around the steel plants, wherever such communities are located in the company

area, every effort will be made to improve facilities such as provision of roads, electricity, drinking water, sanitation and public telephone booths in such bustees and communities, and some funds will be set aside for this purpose every year. The public sector steel plants also have under their consideration, on an experimental basis, some proposals for the socio-economic development of some peripheral villages subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

श्री कमला मिश्र "मधुकर" : यह बात जान कर बहुत खुशी हुई है कि इस्पात मंत्रालय ने इस बात को कबूल किया है कि राजकीय क्षेत्र में जो चार इस्पात के कारखाने हैं उनके अगल बगल की वस्तुओं के विकास की प्रावश्यकता है, इस को आप ने महसूस किया है। तो मैं जानना चाहता हू कि झिलाई, रकेला, बोहारो और दुर्गापुर इन तमाम इस्पात के कारखानों के अगल बगल के क्षेत्रों को विकसित करने के लिए कोई समग्र योजना बनाई गई है और उस का मूल्यांकन किया गया है कि उस में कितना धन खर्च होगा? उसकी पूरी तफवील कब तक पूरी हो जायेगी? इन क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए कोई योजना बनाई गई है या यों ही चलने वाला स्वाभाविक विकास हो रहा है? मैं जानना चाहता हू इन के विकास के लिए कोई योजनाबद्ध योजना है?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रजीत यादव) : श्रीमन्, क्याल इस बात का है कि बहुत से हमारे जो इस्पात के कारखाने हैं उन के अन्दर बहुत से ऐसे हमारे श्रमिक हैं जो आस पास के गांवों से आते हैं। बहुत से ऐसे भी श्रमिक हैं जिनको अभी तक हम मकान नहीं दे पाए हैं। तो ऐसे मजदूर जो आस पास की बस्तियों में रहते हैं और वहाँ अन्दर सड़क