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Summary:

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the
Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Shri ANil K. Chanda, on whether or not India will
present before the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

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—to outside areas? What has been done about that, and to what extent that has been successful?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: This process is going on, and they have been distributed to various States, and as far as my knowledge goes, a great number of them are rehabilitated.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: The hon. Minister is only speaking in general terms. Has he any figures to offer or none at all?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: None at the moment. If he tables a special question, I shall certainly answer it.

SHRI B. GUPTA: Is the hon. Minister aware that a large number of refugees in the Fulia colony have become destitutes again, and that they have lost their jobs because a number of workshops there have closed down?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: Not to my knowledge.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Have the Government closed down all the horticultural colonies?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: They are not closed. Actually they are there.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is the Government aware that the considered decision of both the committees was that these colonies are of no use and they should be gradually abolished?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: I cannot answer that question straightway.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister is aware that the majority of the refugees who had been sent to Orissa have come back to Bengal, and they are now wandering in the streets for alternative accommodation?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: A few of them have, Sir. And there are desertions that are going on, and we are trying to settle them at different places.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Have Government done anything in respect of the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers in regard to the setting up of industrial co-operatives and encouraging or inviting private industrialists to set up business there? And if so, with what result?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: I am not sure about the Eastern Zone, Sir, but about the Western Zone we are inviting industrialists.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is the hon. Minister aware that these recommendations are in regard to the displaced persons in West Bengal?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: Yes. Therefore, I am not in a position to answer that question.

*477. [For answer vide cols. 2979-2982 infra.]

DISARMAMENT OF CONVENTIONAL OR ATOMIC WEAPONS

*459. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI GOVINDA REDDY): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been invited to give her views on disarmament of conventional or atomic weapons before the United Nations Disarmament Commission; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SETTING UP OF NATIONAL FILM BOARD

*460. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Film Board has been set up; and