

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes; but it is up to the State - Governments to organise societies and start planting and that is exactly the discussion which we are having.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know the productive capacity of the synthetic rubber plant that is going to be started in U. P.?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is just in the discussion stage and we hope that the plant should be organised for 20,000 tons of production.

VISIT OF MR. ALLEN DULLES TO INDIA

*24. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Allen Dulles, Chief of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, visited India during the month of September-October this year;

(b) if so, what was the purpose of his visit; and what are the places he visited during his stay in India; and

(c) who accompanied him from the United States of America during his tour in India?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). Yes. Mr. Allen Dulles was on a world tour and passed through India, spending a few days in this country. He visited Delhi and Calcutta. Government are not aware of any particular purpose in his visit to India except to have some personal acquaintance with conditions here.

(c) He was accompanied by his wife and Messrs. Robert Milton Farrier, James Hadley Bellington, John Freeman Caswell and Ray Steiner Cline.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR : May I know if the theft from the External Affairs Ministry was before this visit or after this visit?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I could not catch the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question ?

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know if the theft of files from the External Affairs Ministry was after this visit or.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is saying something about the disappearance of file. I am using 'disappearance' instead of 'theft'.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The hon. Member's imagination is a very vivid one and the implications of the question are very unfair. It has nothing to do with it.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Are the Government aware of the contacts he made during the visit?

MR. CHAIRMAN. We do not watch people's movements.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONVERSION OF PIT LOOMS INTO FRAME LOOMS

*25. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give financial assistance for the conversion of pit looms into frame looms; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of such assistance per loom ?

THE MINISTER FOR CONSUMER INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A lump-sum grant of Rs. 218 per loom.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : May I know what is the grant that is made—is it on the basis of the conversion cost or on an *ad hoc* basis?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is based upon the basis of conversion of a pit loom into a frame loom.