

free access there, and there is a small tableau there stating the facts. So, in effect, that is functioning as a kind of sacred place, and anybody can go there.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any objection in acquiring the Aga Khan's palace, especially in view of the fact that the Samadhi of two leading persons of India is situated in the Aga Khan's palace?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I have nothing to add to what has just now been stated by the Prime Minister.

PROF. G. RANGA: Arising out of the answer given by the Prime Minister, my point is only this. I am sure that the hon. Prime Minister is aware of the fact that Kasturba's as well as Mahadev Desai's remains are interred there, and that is one of the reasons why this question should be considered by the Government.

'D' CLASS MATCH FACTORIES

*40. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'D' class match factories working at present in the country; and

(b) what is their daily total production and investment?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Six.

(b) An average of 22 gross boxes. Investment figures are not available.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if there is any proposal to levy a cess on the production of 'A' class factories to protect the 'B' class and 'C' class factories?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, the rebate is on a differential basis, according to classification.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: What rebate is being paid to 'D' class factories?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: At the rate of nine annas per gross for sixties and six annas per gross for forties.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, the licence fee that is being accepted from the 'D' class factories?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: There is no licence fee.

SPINNING MILLS

*41. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any spinning mills have been started in the country during the last three years; and, if so, what is the number of spindles employed in those mills; and

(b) whether it is proposed to start any spinning mills in Bengal; and if so, for what purposes?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir; 15 spinning mills with a total spindleage of 94,934.

(b) There is a proposal of the nature intended to give employment, especially to displaced persons and make available yarn to cottage industries.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know the reasons why new spinning mills are being started when there is a proposal for having 17 lakhs of Ambar Charkhas?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, that is for the West Bengal Government to decide, because the proposals have come from that Government.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: Are not the Ambar Charkhas going to be spread in Bengal?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That is for the West Bengal Government to decide.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: Is that not the proposal of the All India Khadi Board, to spread all those 17 lakhs of Ambar Charkhas throughout India?