

a result of the steps taken by the Government in 1950?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: As I said, Sir, production of the mills that year was smaller as compared with the earlier year and production by hand-looms also—I speak subject to memory—showed a deficiency during that year.

SHRI B. GUPTA: Would the Minister kindly state the reasons for the decline in production?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think, Sir, it was because that the mills had gone over to more advantageous lines of production and we had therefore to compel them to utilise a certain number of their looms for production of dhotis and saris with the result that there was a progressive rise in their production of dhotis and saris from the next year. For instance as against 300 million yards of dhotis and 340 million yards of saris in 1950 there were 784 millions and 435 millions respectively during 1951.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know if the production was not diminished for producing varieties for export outside India?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Varieties of dhotis and saris?

AN HON. MEMBER: Other varieties.

MR. CHAIRMAN: "Has not this diminished because you were turning over these things to more advantageous export?"

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Oh, yes, there was a little larger export also but that was not the sole reason for smaller production.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Is it not because that there was decreasing production that the prices mounted?

(No reply.)

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Is it not an affront to the hon. lady members of the House to discuss the question of

their saris threadbare and publicly in this House? (Laughter.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is the consumption of saris and dhotis annually?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SELECTION OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES FOR INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

133. SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some specific small scale industries for intensive development;

(b) if so, what are those industries; and

(c) whether the scheme contemplates the association of the State Governments concerned?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) (1) Sports Goods;

(2) Glass-ware;

(3) Footwear and leather goods;

(4) Leather Tanning;

(5) Carpentry and Wood working;

(6) Brush manufacturing;

(7) Cutlery;

(8) Cycle Parts manufacture;

(9) Locks manufacture;

(10) Steel wire products;

(11) Simple types of mathematical and drawing instruments; and

(12) Blacksmithy.

(c) Yes.