

(c) whether there were any representations made to Government suggesting the edition of the films in Oriya, Gujrati and Marathi languages ; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to prepare such editions ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) Documentary films—123 ; Newsreels—281.

(b) The average cost of production of a newsreel is Rs. 10,000. As regards documentary films, the cost ranges from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 25,000 depending on the subject, the locations to be covered and the time required to complete the film.

(c) and (d). Government have received some representations, but it is not possible at present to undertake the preparation of Oriya, Gujrati and Marathi editions also owing to lack of funds.

FINANCIAL AID TO ALL INDIA SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION

*236. SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to give any financial aid to the All India Spinners' Association during the current year for assisting various khadi production centres ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : A grant of Rs. 2,00,000 was given to the All-India Spinners' Association in 1951-52. No further request has been received from them during the current financial year.

A Board, is, however, proposed to be set up for the development of Khadi on which the A. I. S. A. will be represented. This Board will work out schemes from the funds to be placed at its disposal for assisting the all-round development of the Khadi industry throughout the country.

HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT FUND

*237. SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States to which financial aid has been given from the Handloom Development Fund ;

(b) the amount given to each State ; and

(c) the principle according to which the aid has been given to different States ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 65.]

(c) The need for securing the maximum benefit to the handloom industry.

HANDLOOM CLOTH

*238. SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether handspun and hand-woven cloth is given any preference while buying cloth for Central Government requirements ; and

(b) if so, how much of such cloth was bought for Government purposes during the year 1951-52 ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) Government are encouraging the use of hand-spun and hand-woven, i.e., Khadi cloth as far as possible.

(b) In 1951-52, purchase of Khadi cloth for Government requirements, amounted to Rs. 67,287.

REHABILITATION OF EAST BENGAL REFUGEES IN ORISSA

*239. SHRI B. RATH : Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government receive any periodic reports from the Government

of Orissa regarding the progress made in the rehabilitation of East Bengal refugees in that State, and, if so whether he will be pleased to lay copies of the reports received during the current year on the Table ;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the displaced persons sent to Orissa during the last two years have not been able to rehabilitate themselves, and if so, for what reasons; and

(c) how many rehabilitation colonies were opened in that State and how many have been closed down ?

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI AJIT PRASAD JAIN) :
(a) Yes. The reports which are received in the Branch Secretariat at Calcutta have been sent for and they will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

(b) Various degrees of success have been achieved by different displaced persons in rehabilitation. Some have failed to rehabilitate primarily because they could not adapt themselves to the climate and environments of Orissa.

(c) 49 colonies, out of which nine colonies have been closed down.

(Question No. 240 postponed to 16th December 1952 as Unstarred Question No. 52-B.)

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES FAIR

*241. SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics participated in the International Industries Fair held at Bombay recently ;

(b) what is the value of the goods of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics imported for exhibition at the fair ;

(c) what was the value of the goods sold by them at the Exhibition ; and

(d) whether the proceeds realised from the sales were retained in this country by the Russian Embassy ?

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

(b) Rs. 35 lakhs.

(c) Rs. 5,33,152.

(d) Up-to-date information is being collected. So far as I am aware, the Soviet authorities have already sought and obtained permission from the Reserve Bank of India to remit £21,811/13/3 or Rs. 2,91,728 to the U. S. S. R.

SALE OF TEA AT CALCUTTA

*242. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR :
(a) Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government are aware that there could be no sale of tea at the Calcutta tea auction on 24th November 1952 and that the sale has been postponed for a week due to absence of demand from United Kingdom and Near East countries ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the adverse effect this will have on the tea gardens, particularly on the gardens which are in distress ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to avert that situation ?

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

(b) and (c). The postponement of the auction on 24th November 1952 is a reminder of the difficult times that the tea industry is now passing through, due to the fall in prices. I would refer the hon. Member to the statement made by my colleague, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, in this connection in the House of the People on the 10th December, from which he will see how concerned the Government are about the present situation of the tea industry and the steps they are considering to improve the situation.