

(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