

India advertised the terms of appointment and also addressed various State Governments. Later on it was understood that the requirements of the Afghan Government were met from some other country. No medical professors were, therefore, recruited from India.

HANDLOOMS

*994. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what part of the grants and loans sanctioned from the Handloom Fund were availed of by the States during the year 1953-54;

(b) how will the balance of the amounts not taken be disposed of;

(c) whether there is any State to which rebate on the sale of handloom cloth has not been allowed; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 296 lakhs for 1953-54, the State Governments are reported to have spent about Rs. 56 lakhs.

(b) The unutilised balances of the grants and loans have again been made available to the State Governments for being utilised during the current financial year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Because the States concerned had not asked for a grant for the purpose.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know which is the State in which no rebate has been granted under part (c) of the question?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The State Governments of Punjab, Rajasthan, Vindhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Cutch, and Coorg did not ask for any funds under the rebate scheme last year.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know the grounds on which rebate has been refused to these States?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The grounds are best known to them. They did not make any request.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd: May I know if the Andhra Government has spent all the amount allotted to it?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: No, Sir.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know if any prize is offered by the Government as an incentive for better designs in handlooms?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: No, not so far as I know.

FOREIGN EXPERTS AT BHAKRA-NANGAL

*995. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign specialists working in Bhakra-Nangal Project;

(b) the number of foreign experts working as master mechanics and foremen on this Project;

(c) whether any Indians have been trained to take up the work of master mechanics and foremen; and

(d) by what time the services of all the foreign experts will be dispensed with?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) 44.

(b) 35.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There will be a progressive reduction in the number of foreign experts employed on the Bhakra Nangal Project but a limited number will be required till the completion of the Project.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know if it is a fact that the cost of administration of this project is double that of other projects?

Shri Hathi: It is not that the cost is double that of other projects. The