

(d) whether there is any proposal to start a National Training Within Industry Institute in India; and

(e) if so, how the Institution will be manned?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) One of the experts, who arrived in August 1953 was assigned for one year to work with the Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association, Ahmedabad. Thereafter he, along with the second expert, who arrived in November 1954, assisted in organising the work of the Training Within Industry Centre, set up by the Government of India in Bombay, and initiating training programmes. The two experts left in the middle of 1956.

(b) Two.

(c) Four.

(d) A Training Within-Industry Centre has been set up in Bombay towards the end of 1954.

(e) To start with, the Centre has been staffed with three officers, namely, one Deputy Chief Adviser and two Assistant Chief Advisers Training-Within Industry.

Aluminium Factory at Mettur

*21. { Shri Doraiswami Gounder:
Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal for setting up of Aluminium factory at Mettur?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Investigations regarding the bauxite reserves at Shevaroy Hills in Salem District and negotiations with foreign firms for securing technical and financial collaboration are continuing.

Art Silk for Handloom Weavers

*24. Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of

handlooms including handloom centres like Dodballapur depend entirely on the imported art silk yarn of 55, 60, 75 and 100 deniers, which are not produced in India;

(b) whether Government are aware that in view of the import restrictions on the art silk yarn many handloom weavers are unemployed; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Handlooms depend for these counts of yarn mostly on imports.

(b) The Government has no such information.

(c) In spite of tight foreign exchange position imports of art silk yarn are being allowed on sufficiently liberal scale to actual users.

Calcutta Improvement Trust

*25. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1156 on the 13th December, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Improvement Trust has submitted revised proposals through the West Bengal Government for slum improvement; and

(b) if so, the action Government are taking thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). No Sir; but a slum clearance project formulated by the Chief Engineer, Construction Board, Government of West Bengal, has been received through the Government of West Bengal. This project has been scrutinised by the Government of India and certain suggestions have been made to the State Government for revising the building plans and accepting financial assistance based on the ceiling costs prescribed in the Slum Clearance Scheme. The State Government's reply is awaited.