

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have already pointed out that 300 stranded people have been saved by them.

Shri Supakar: May I know the total amount of expenditure incurred by the Government of India in this operation?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It is yet to be calculated.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether this is the first time that aid was sought from us or whether it was sought and given previously also?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Is the hon Member talking about Ceylon only?

Shri S C Samanta: Yes.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have no recollection of any major aid given in the past, but probably on various occasions aid in minor forms might have been given.

श्री भवन दर्शन क्या में जान सकता हू कि पिछले दिनों जो बाढ़ लका में आई थी, उस में प्रवासी भारतीयों का कोई खास नुकसान हुआ था और क्या उन को कोई खास तरह की सहायता दी गई—उम सहायता के अलावा, जो कि गवर्नमेंट को पहुंचाई गई ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू जी हा, बाढ़ ने कुछ पहचान नहीं की कि कौन भारतीय है और कौन नहीं है ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: It was stated by the Deputy Minister that a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been earmarked for further relief to the people of Ceylon. May I know how these ten lakhs are going to be spent?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been offered to the Government of Ceylon—in response to the general appeal they issued for help to various countries, we made this offer to them. But we said that we could give this relief in the shape of certain specified goods. We pointed out the list of goods to them, and

we asked them to intimate to us which of those goods and in what quantity, subject to their availability here, we could supply to them. It is for them to say.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether any Army personnel is still operating there, and if the L.A.F. personnel have all returned, whether they have submitted any detailed report about the work that they have done there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: They have all returned by the 9th of January.

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): There has been no Army personnel there. There was only Air Force personnel, they have returned after completion of their mission. Several tributes have been paid to them by the Prime Minister of Ceylon, and the officer concerned has submitted a report.

श्री जगदीश बबलूजी क्या में जान सकता हू कि जब हमारे देश में इस तरह की बाढ़ आई, तो क्या सिलोन सरकार ने हमारी सहायता की ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू जी नहीं, हम ने उन को तबलीफ देने की जरूरत नहीं समझी ।

Narsing Girji Manufacturing Company Ltd., Sholapur

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Shri Barman:
*2. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hasda:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the 'Somani Committee' appointed to inquire into the working of Narsing Girji Manufacturing Company Limited, Sholapur has submitted its report; and

(b) the present condition of the said Cotton Textile Mill?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir

(b) The mills remain closed since 8-8-1957. There were liquidation proceedings against the mills in the Bombay High Court; an official liquidator has since been appointed. The Government of Bombay it is understood are taking the mills on lease from the official liquidator to run them till they are sold.

Shri Barman: May I know the spindle and loom capacity of this mill, and by what time the Bombay Government may take up the management of the mill and start it again?

Shri Kanungo: The spindle strength is about 55,488 and the loom strength 1,011. It is a half-a-century old mill. The Bombay Government are negotiating with the liquidator, and I hope they will be able to do it soon. But the ultimate disposal is by disposal of the mill.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any interim report has been submitted to the Government; if so, what are the recommendations in it?

Shri Kanungo: The final report is being awaited. There have been certain communications in the mean time; it is more or less supporting the idea of the Bombay Government.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: This Committee was appointed as long ago as seven months and they were supposed to submit their report within two or three months. May I know the reasons given by the Committee for this inordinate delay?

Shri Kanungo: Obviously the Committee's business is to see the best way of running the mill, and it is not so easy in this particular case.

Shri Heda: Taking into consideration the total assets of the mill and the provident fund due to labour, which is nearly equal, is the Committee considering the proposal put forward by the labour union that the mill may be run by the co-operatives of the labour?

Shri Kanungo: Those proposals have been considered by the Bombay Government.

Shri Goray: Have the Government taken any relief measures in respect of the workers who have been unemployed?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Deas): That would be for the State Government, not for this Government.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether from the provident fund amount due to these employees anything has been paid during this period they have been unemployed?

Shri Kanungo: I have no information on that.

Kingsway Tenements

*3. **Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to transfer ownership rights to the occupants of the Kingsway tenements in Delhi;

(b) what would be the land area to be allotted to each tenement; and

(c) the chargeable value for each tenement?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Except in the case of Reids Lines, ownership of the tenements and shops is transferable in accordance with the provisions of the Compensation Scheme.

(b) About 50 sq. yds.

(c) About Rs. 2068/-.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: What are the existing facilities, that is the civic amenities provided to the residents of this area at present, and how do they compare with the facilities provided to other areas?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: The existing facilities are: provision of roads, street lighting, storm water