

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee: That answer might have been given earlier.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. What is the use of putting questions asking whether they are aware that 40 acres or 50 acres of land will be deprived and so on?

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. I am not allowing any more questions on this. Hon. Members will study the report and then come here for putting questions on this.

**SHRI SHIVA RAO'S TRIBUTE TO
MR. HOPKINSON**

*1224. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press report to the following effect?

Mr. B. Shiva Rao, Indian delegate to the U.N. session, paid a tribute to Mr. Hopkinson, the British delegate, saying "that it is heartening to listen to such a very important statement by a responsible Minister of the British Government," when the latter claimed that U.K. alone has responsibility to guide "our territories (including protectorates and colonies) to self-Government."

(b) Does that statement represent India's attitude on the question of independence for colonies?

(c) If answer to part (b) above be in the negative, is it proposed to issue an official clarification to that effect?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Government have seen the press report to which the Member refers. The passages quoted have been taken out of their context from two fairly long speeches. The Indian delegate's appreciative reference applied not to the particular remark attributed to Mr. Hopkinson in this extract, but to his assurance that it was the policy of the British Government to lead colonial territories to responsible self-Government. This was with particular reference to the Gold Coast and Nigeria in West Africa. The attitude taken by the Indian delegate on this matter is in accord with that of the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

Dr. N. B. Khare: With regard to (b), is it because we are still in the Commonwealth or because we are afraid of imperialist powers?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Neither, Sir.

MADHYA PRADESH COTTON

*1225. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether Government are aware that the prices of cotton varieties in Madhya Pradesh have touched the margin of floor rate during the 1st week of November 1952?

(b) If they go below the floor rate fixed by Government, what arrangements have Government made to purchase the *Kapas*?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No Sir. Not according to the information Government has.

(b) Government have not undertaken to purchase any *Kapas*.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know what agency the Government has got to keep constant touch with the local cotton markets?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The Textile Commissioner keeps us informed of what is happening.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: In view of the tremendous slump in the rates of cotton, may I know whether the Government is proposing to withdraw the licensing system that is prevalent at the present day?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The Government is not in a position to grant the first hypothesis.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know why a floor rate has not been fixed for the superior quality of cotton Nos. H422, and O394, and may I also know whether these kinds of cotton are too superior to the cottons which are included in the list of the Cotton Control Order?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is a matter of opinion. Government's expert advisers still feel that the particular types of cotton which the hon. Member has mentioned are of the same variety as *jarilla*.

INDIAN ENCLAVES IN EAST PAKISTAN

*1226. **Shri Barman:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state what arrangements have been made for getting passports and visas for the Indian enclaves in East Pakistan and Pakistani enclaves in Cochin-Bihar and for the merchandising of agricultural products and purchase of essential consumer goods after the introduction of passports in those areas?