

कपड़े के व्यापार को कायम रखने के लिये और वह गिरता न जाय इससे बचाने के लिये अभी तक सरकार ने क्या क्या प्रयत्न किया है?

श्री करमरकर : मैंने कहा कि इस बारे में यू० पी० गवर्नमेंट ठीक प्रयत्न करती है और हम से जितना हो सकता है उतना हम भी करते हैं। इल्लस्ट्रेशन के लिये मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि an adventurous Indian exporter in America came over to Banaras और हम ने उसे सहायता दी।

श्रेष्ठ गोविन्द दास : जो विदेशी प्रदर्शनियां विदेशी विभाग से सम्बंधित होती हैं और जो विदेशी प्रदर्शनियां भारत सरकार के दूसरे विभागों के अंतर्गत कराई जाती हैं, क्या उनमें इस कपड़े को रखने का प्रयत्न किया जाता है ?

श्री करमरकर : अभी भी रखते हैं। इसमें कुछ प्रयत्न की जरूरत नहीं है। जब जब विदेशी प्रदर्शनियां होती हैं यह कपड़ा रखा जाता है और पसंद भी किया जाता है।

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*1065. **Prof. Mathew:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state at how many centres in the Travancore-Cochin State Community Projects work is going on and what progress it has made?

(b) Had the State Government recommended opening of other centres also and if so, what are those centres?

(c) Will the Centres to be sanctioned in future, be out of the list of those centres which have been recommended by the State Government?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Two. A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 16.]

- (b) (i) Shertallai—Kuttanad Area;
(ii) Tiruvella—Rani Area.

(c) As in the past, selection will be made on the basis of recommendation made by a State.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know what is the total amount spent so far?

Shri Hathi: I would like to have notice.

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have gone through the statement. Is the Government satisfied with regard to the progress of work so far made? Is the Government aware that the works so far executed are only works which an ordinary village panchayat executes in Travancore-Cochin in one year?

Shri Hathi: It is yet only a beginning; as we proceed further I think the progress will improve.

Shri A. M. Thomas: Have all the officers necessary for the purpose been appointed?

Shri Hathi: Most of them have been appointed.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know whether, as a matter of fact, because of the delay in getting sanctions for the works proposed, these works are not being carried out?

Shri Hathi: As I have said on a previous occasion, it appeared that in the beginning these difficulties were experienced at different places. But the Government have looked into them and these difficulties have now been removed, and there is no cause for complaint at present.

Shri A. M. Thomas: Is the co-operation of the local Advisory Committee being taken in this connection?

Shri Hathi: Yes, at local places there are the Committees.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Arising out of the answer to part (a) of the question, may I know whether the Technical Co-operation Administration of America has spent any amount for this and, if so, how much?

Shri Hathi: Sir, generally these expenses are distributed between the dollar and the rupee expenditure. For the dollar expenditure we have entered into an agreement, and I have laid a copy of it on the Table of the House. And that agreement is also available in the pamphlet *The Community Project—A Draft Outline*. I cannot definitely say what amount has been spent on the several items mentioned in the statement where expenditure has been incurred.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: With respect to the expenditure incurred on these projects, may I know whether the accounts are kept by the American experts or by the State authorities or by both of them together?

Shri Hathi: By the States, of course.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: In the statement it is mentioned that five stud bulls have been ordered. May I know when they are likely to come to the spot and be available?

Shri Hathi: I have no idea. I would require notice.

Shri N. P. Damodaran: May I know whether the selection of new centres is left entirely to the discretion of the State Governments or the people's representatives will also be taken into confidence?

Shri Hathi: The States will naturally bear the popular view in mind.

Shri P. T. Chacko: Considering the particular conditions obtaining there, may I know whether the community projects in that State are doing any work which community projects in other States are not doing?

Shri Hathi: Which particular State?

Shri P. T. Chacko: Travancore-Cochin. The question is about that State.

Shri Hathi: I do not think there is any other special work which is being taken up there.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know whether any of the community project schemes which were inaugurated during last year have completed or done any work during this one year there?

Shri Hathi: I do not think—any particular work in that sense. But if you take works, by way of example, like digging some tanks or canals or constructing roads, some such works have been completed.

Shri Punnoose: The hon. Minister stated that two new centres are being considered as recommended by the State Government. May I know what stage this consideration has now reached and by what time it may be finalised and final orders expected?

Shri Hathi: By about the middle of next month.

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether private organisations have recommended other centres?

Shri Hathi: I do not think.

Prof. Mathew: Whichever centre be selected now, will it be from out of the two centres already recommended or will it go beyond the range of the two centres?

Shri Hathi: That will all depend upon the recommendation of the State.

Prof. Mathew: But does not past recommendation bind?

IMPORT OF PAKISTAN JUTE

***1056. Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Jute Mills Association has demanded some facilities for import of Pakistani jute on a liberal basis;

(b) if so, the main points of their argument in favour of liberalisation of import of Pakistani jute; and

(c) the decision of Government in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether it is a fact that the imports from Pakistan this year would be the highest, compared to the figures of the last two years?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: So far the imports have been under 11 lakhs—10.8 lakh bales. I cannot say the figure will exceed the previous years' imports.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether as a result of increased imports, prices as well as demand for indigenous produce will go down this year?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As I said, I cannot accept the fact that there will be any increased imports, except in respect of better grades of Pakistan jute. Therefore I am unable to answer the question which follows from this hypothesis.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether in view of the expected fall in the price and demand of indigenous produce, export of the surplus Indian raw jute will be allowed to foreign countries?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: This is again based on a presumption that there would be a fall with respect to indigenous produce. I am unable to answer the question on that hypothesis.

Shri B. K. Das: As a result of the recent agreement will there be any control on the quality of different varieties of jute that are going to be imported from Pakistan?