

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS
'MIRI JEEM'

*946. **Shri Beli Ram Das:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Abors of the North East Frontier Agency produce a kind of warm cloth called 'Miri Jeem' in every house?

(b) Do Government propose to start weaving schools in the Abor and Mishmi Hills to encourage large scale production of 'Miri Jeem'?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Sari J. N. Hazarika):

(a) Warm cloth, commonly called 'Miri Jeem', is produced in many homes in the Abor Hills District. It is also produced fairly extensively by Miris in the plains areas of the Assam State.

(b) Weaving schools have already been started in the Abor and Mishmi Hills Districts for teaching improved methods of producing cloth for use of the tribal people themselves who had so far to purchase cloth from outside. Attempts are also being made to improve the quality of 'Miri Jeem' by local experiments in these weaving schools.

INDIANS IN BURMA

*953. **Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether Government have figures as to the number of Indians in Burma who have got permanent stay certificates, and the floating number on an average?

(b) Are all the facilities of Burmese citizens extended to these Indians by the Burmese Government to carry on their vocations?

(c) Have the Burmese Government recently deported Indians and if so, why?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Sbri Anil K. Chanda): (a) The information is not available with us. The Government of Burma have recently finished taking a census. It will be some months before their census report is published.

(b) All Indians who have acquired Burmese citizenship are treated without any discrimination.

(c) Recently some Indians have been deported mainly because of their undesirable activities.

SHIP-BUILDING

*957. **Shri Jethala Joshi:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of ship-building has risen high and

(b) if so, to what extent it would affect the development programme of ship-building?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The cost of ship-building has generally risen all over the world during the last few years.

(b) This higher cost of ship-building is, to a certain extent, deterring purchasers from placing orders for ships to the extent was expected, but all possible steps are being taken to ensure that the shipyard's capacity is fully utilised.

BETEL NUTS

*958. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the goods imported in this country are marked with the "Country of Origin" by the exporting countries?

(b) Is it a fact that betel nuts of Indonesian origin are imported in Malaya and then re-exported to India as of Malayan origin?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Imported goods which have to indicate the "Country of Origin" are detailed in the Schedule to Government Notification No. S.R.O. 440, dated the 31st March 1951, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

(b) Government are not aware of what is happening in other countries. Adequate precautions are, however, be-