

(iii) Prevention of damage caused to cloth by use of hooks for lifting the bales of cloth.

(c) and (d). (i) Control on prices and distribution of cloth and yarn has been removed.

(ii) Action on other recommendations has also been taken, and the number of returns has been reduced from 35 to 27. The question is being examined further.

(iii) Directions have also been issued to the mills to pack in half bales or quarter bales, if necessary, so as to avoid hooks being used for lifting the bales.

#### AHMEDABAD TEXTILE MILLS

**\*761. Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile mills of Ahmedabad are suffering from shortage of raw cotton and coal;

(b) whether the mill-owners have expressed their inability to run the mills on account of this shortage; and

(c) the reasons for this alleged shortage?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). Some of the mills had complained that supplies of cotton and coal were inadequate owing to transport difficulties. The position has now improved.

#### LOAN TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN TRIPURA

**\*762. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the displaced persons in Tripura demand loan in one single instalment to use it for productive purposes;

(b) whether they demand it on the Punjab scale; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps in this direction?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### U. N. SECRETARIAT

**\*763. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the non-American members of the U.N. Secretariat, including Indians, have been officially told by the U.S. Government that if they wanted to retain their present status in the U.N. they shall have to forfeit their home-leave?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** The answer is in the negative.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF MISSIONS

**\*764. Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether the recommendations of two senior officers of the Government of India who visited some of the Missions in Europe to advise Government on certain outstanding administrative questions, have been considered and decision taken thereon?

(b) If so, what are the important questions on which decisions have been taken?

(c) In what way will these decisions affect the present administration of various Missions?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) to (c). The recommendations covered a number of matters of varying importance having a financial implication. They did not involve any major change in the administration of Indian missions abroad. Decisions have been taken on some recommendations, of which the most important relate to the scales of residential accommodation to be provided to officials abroad; the fixation of daily allowance on tour; and the grant of heating at Government expense in countries where the climate requires it. Certain other recommendations are still under consideration.