

Shri Punnoose: It was said that some complaints were received by Government. May I know the nature of the complaints?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Against this particular person there was a complaint, but it could not be proved. So the matter was dropped.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Last time there was a similar question, the Prime Minister himself stated that he had no idea about such complaints. That is why this question has been put. So, I may be permitted to ask another question: is it not a fact that certain officers of the External Affairs Ministry had been interrogated by the Punjab Police in this matter? I could name the officers even.

Mr. Speaker: Not necessary.

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I have got the report of the enquiry about this particular matter. In the course of the enquiry, of course, some of our officers were also examined. I do not quite know what the hon. Member is driving at. Because the External Affairs Ministry is finally responsible for the issue of passport and all matters relating to passports are naturally referred to them, therefore, in the course of the enquiry, some of them were interrogated.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What I wanted to know was.. (Interruption.)

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest that if he wishes to make any enquiries in respect of the names of individual officers, he may do so separately.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What I wanted to know was whether the Government of India proceeded with the investigation at the request of the Punjab Government.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot say.

KHADI VIDYALAYA AT NASIK

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

(a) whether Government have examined the scheme prepared by the

Khadi Board for the opening of a Vidyalyaya (Institution) at Nasik to train the general public in the art of spinning; and

(b) the total cost involved?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1,44,920.

Shri S. N. Mishra: May I know, Sir, what will be the training capacity of this institution?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: About two hundred.

Shri S. N. Mishra: May I know in what way Government think that such an institution is necessary and it would be useful for the development of khadi?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The proposal was put by the Board that for the purpose of imparting training in spinning to the public and to ensure increase in production touring instructors and suitable workers were necessary. It is on the basis of that recommendation that this expenditure was sanctioned.

Shri S. N. Mishra: In regard to the location, have Government made up their mind that it should be located at Nasik or elsewhere?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: That is the idea, Sir, at the present moment. This particular scheme is based on the institution being located at Nasik.

HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

*654. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Handloom Industry is facing difficulties as there are large stocks of finished goods lying with the Industry?

(b) Have Government received the recommendations made by the All-India Handloom Board, at its meeting in the month of August last?

(c) If so, what has been the result?