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(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 23rd December, 1953.

The House met at Half Past One
of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

*WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIA-U. S. A. TRADE

*1296. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade between India and U.S.A. declined considerably during 1953; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). There has been a fall in the value of India's trade with U. S. A. There has, however, been no decline in the percentage share of U. S. A. in India's total exports though there has been a decline in U. S. A.'s share in India's imports on account of—

(i) a drop in the import of wheat and cotton from U. S. A.;

(ii) import regulations in respect of goods from Dollar Areas; and

(iii) greater availability of goods in soft currency countries, imports from which are allowed liberally as compared to dollar countries.

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RAJGHAT SAMADHI FUND

*1297. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Rajghat Samadhi Fund has been created;

(b) if so, whether any contribution from the public has been received; and

(c) what is amount so far contributed?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Except for the cash offerings in small amounts by the general public visiting the Samadhi, no special contributions have been received.

(c) About Rs. eighteen thousand.

HOUSING LOANS

*1298. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state the total amount so far granted as loans for Industrial Housing Projects to different States during the current financial year?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): A sum of Rs. 94.01 lacs has been sanctioned as loans to State Governments under the Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme.

*The Question-hour was suspended.—Ed. of P.P.