

to go there. But it is continued now for a variety of reasons. Only recently hon. Members must be aware that there was a tragic incident there. It is a very mixed area: some semi-administered; some not administered, and difficulties arise. Our normal rule now is, so far as the inner line is concerned, not to allow any foreigner to go there except by very special permission. Indians can go there normally, but after taking permits.

Shri Amjad Ali: How far is this policy of isolation responsible for the current trouble in the N. E. Frontier Agency in Assam?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It has nothing to do with it.

Shri Amjad Ali: I am referring to the fact that normally people are not allowed to go there and there is an isolation.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: In this particular part, there was some trouble. I doubt if anybody has gone there at all. Very rarely. It is quite outside the reach of normal travellers. If I may say so, we have had some unfortunate trouble—much more trouble in the areas where there is no permit system.

Shrimati Khongmen: May I know if a member of the local legislature or a Member of Parliament can go there now without a permit?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have no doubt that he will be gladly given a permit. The difficulty is that it is not merely a question of giving a permit, but making arrangements for the persons to go to a large number of these areas. Without these arrangements, it is difficult for them to go.

Shri Amjad Ali: Would the Central Government find it difficult to transfer the administration of this area to the State of Assam?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There is no difficulty, but it is not considered feasible or desirable.

INDIANS IN CEYLON

*232. **Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Ceylon is paying a visit to India for talks about Indian Settlers in Ceylon;

(b) whether Government are aware that Ceylon Government has decided to reintroduce the Immigration and Emigration Amendment Bill; and

(c) whether Government are making any move for the resumption of talks at an early date?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (c). The Prime Minister of Ceylon has been invited to visit India to continue the talks which his predecessor, Mr. Dudley Senanayake and I had in London. He has accepted this invitation, but no date for his visit to Delhi has yet been fixed.

(b) The bill is under the Ceylon Government's consideration. It has not been re-introduced in the Ceylon Parliament.

Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah: May I know, Sir, the number of persons that will be affected by the introduction of this Bill?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am afraid I cannot answer that now.

Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah: May I know, Sir, what steps have Government taken to postpone introduction of this Bill the conclusion of further talks between the two Prime Ministers?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Of course, we have been in constant touch with the Ceylon Government and also pointed out to them how much unfortunate and harmful it will be for the Indians.

Shri Radha Raman: What was the nature of the objection or suggestions made by our Prime Minister to the Ceylon Government regarding the provisions of this Bill when it was referred to him?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: My letter ran into 7 or 8 foolscap sheets and so it is difficult to enumerate those things now.

MOTOR CARS (IMPORT)

*233. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state how many of the cars imported in 1951-52 and 1952-53 were meant for Government use and how many for private trade?

(b) When do Government expect to have indigenous motor car engines manufactured in sufficient number to meet their own requirements?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Precise information is not available.

(b) It is too early at this stage to estimate the date by which the Industry will achieve self-sufficiency.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, the three-year programme of Indian manufacturers?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The manufacturers have been asked to submit their programmes. Some of them have submitted them and others have not. We expect to get all the programmes before the end of the year.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know, Sir, how many of the firms have submitted their programmes?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As I have said already, the firms have been asked to submit their programmes and I believe three of them have submitted their plans and the other two have not. I expect that their plans also would be available to us by the end of the year.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, what are the difficulties in having precise information regarding the figures of imported motor cars?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Because the way in which our accounts are

maintained does not indicate the figure for cars imported separately for Government and for private trade.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Hindustan Motors have put up their plant for the manufacture of engines in 1950. Have they been able to bring the production of engines for the use of Hindustan cars to a level which may be sufficient for themselves?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The last that I have heard—early this year—was that they produced 27 per cent. of the parts of an engine. I believe they are likely to reach about 66 per cent. by the middle of 1954.

OIL REFINERIES

*236. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the preliminary and constructional works of the proposed Oil Refineries at Trombay Island have been completed;

(b) if so, how much steel and cement have been used for the purpose;

(c) whether necessary arrangements of roads and railway lines to connect it to the nearest port have been taken on hand; and

(d) how the supply of water will be met?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) to (d). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 14.]

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, who will bear the cost of the arterial railway siding that is being constructed now?

Shri R. G. Dubey: I believe the Railway Ministry will bear that.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, whether any company has come forward to undertake electric installation work?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Not to my knowledge.