

there has been considerable reinforcement of military equipment in the so-called Portuguese territories in India.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that recently a few people have been recruited by the Portuguese Government in Goa for doing espionage work in India, and especially there are certain ladies belonging to Goa who are working as nurses in India and doing espionage work?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** Of course there are nurses coming from Goa who are serving in India, but I would not say they are all engaged in espionage work.

#### INDIAN EXHIBITION IN CAIRO

\*620. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are planning to organise an exhibition at Cairo for the purpose of giving comprehensive trade publicity to Indian exportable goods?

(b) What are the various goods that would be exhibited?

(c) Is the exhibition being planned at the invitation of the Egyptian Government?

(d) What is the estimated expenditure for this exhibition?

(e) Do Government propose to have more such exhibitions abroad?

(f) If so, where and when?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See Library Index No. S-61/54.]

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Rs. 3 lakhs approximately.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See Library Index No. S-62/54.]

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know if the Exhibition will also organise sale

of goods, or will it be confined to their display only?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Normally exhibitions are meant for displaying with a view to trade promotion, but if the exhibitor so desires, after the exhibition is over, facilities are created to have sales also, but that is not the object of this Exhibition.

**Shri Radha Raman:** What are the dates of the Cairo Exhibition?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I can give my hon. friend the month. It is sometime in April.

**Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan:** May I ask the Government who chooses the articles to be sent to such exhibitions, what agency selects the articles?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Normally we circularise the States and also trade and industry. They send their own exhibits. Regarding handicrafts, the All-India Handicrafts Board makes the selection.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know if the Cairo Exhibition will invite exhibits from countries all over the world or is it only confined to India?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is purely an Indian exhibition.

#### EXPORT OF WOOL

\*621. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent export policy has hit hard the traders of wool in Punjab;

(b) whether any representation was made by the traders of Fazilka to Government; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to remedy their difficulties?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):**

(a) and (b). Some representations that small traders have been deprived of a share in the export trade of wool have been made to Government.

(c) The policy for regulating exports of raw wool has been liberalised. Almost all woolle traders who had any