

Mr. Speaker: Will he put his question in a shorter form asking for information and not opinion?

* **Shri N. M. Lingam:** The Finance Minister in his speech the other day said there was a short-fall in the utilisation of the allotment made to the Community Projects. May I know the reasons for the short-fall and what steps Government propose to take to remove the defects in the organisation?

Shri Hathi: Initially there were some difficulties and delays in the allotment of sanctions. That is being looked into and steps are being taken to see that there are no delays in sanctioning.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether the allotment for any of these centres has been revised and reduced, and if so what is the effect of the same on the working of these centres?

Shri Hathi: For the community projects for which the sanction has already been made, the amount is not reduced.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*623. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the reduction of the total cost of a Community Project from Rs. 65 lakhs to Rs. 45 lakhs;

(b) how this reduction has been adjusted in respect of various items of work; and

(c) whether the shares of the Central and State Governments have accordingly been adjusted; and

(d) if so, how?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). I invite attention to para. 22 of chapter XV of the First Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Shri B. K. Das: At what time was this reduction given effect to?

Shri Hathi: From 1953 onwards.

Shri B. K. Das: Has it been given effect to in all the 53 projects that were started in 1952?

Shri Hathi: The amount allotted for each of these projects was not reduced, but the area which they are expected to cover has been increased, so that each project now covers a population of 2,90,000 instead of 2,00,000. The amount of Rs. 65 lakhs is now to be spent on an area having a population of 2,90,000.

KHADI

*624. **Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board for the promotion and encouragement of Khadi; and

(b) the steps that Government have taken to give better training in spinning so that better and more attractive Khadi is produced?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 24.]

Shri Ram Dass: From the statement it appears that Government are going to start sales emporia. May I know whether Punjab is one of these States?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I could not catch the question.

Mr. Speaker: The Bombay Government are going to start some emporia. He wants to know whether the Punjab Government are also starting such emporia.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid I would not be able to answer the question.

Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah: Has the khadi production increased or decreased since 1952?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid I have not got any figures in regard to production, but in regard to sales, I find there has been an increase in 1953, of about Rs. 13 lakhs over the previous year.