

HANDLOOM CLOTH

*629. **Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a customs duty is levied on the export of handloom cloth;

(b) if so, whether any representation has been received for its revision; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government will consider the question of revising the same?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (c). There is no export duty on handloom cloth.

Shri Sivamurthi Swami: May I know, Sir, how much handloom cloth has been exported this year?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: In 1953, 63.97 million yards.

Shri M. D. Ramasami: What are the other steps taken by Government to encourage the export of handloom cloth?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have been doing nothing else except answering questions on the steps taken by Government to encourage the handloom industry.

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): There is a pamphlet also.

तेल उद्योग

*६३०. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५३ में कितने भारतीयों को तेल उद्योग में अनुभव तथा विशेषज्ञान प्राप्त करने के लिए अमरीका भेजा गया; और

(ख) कितने लोगों को सरकारी सहायता दे कर भेजा गया है और कितने लोगों को स्टैंडर्ड बैकूम आयल कम्पनी आफ इंडिया ने अपने खर्च पर भेजा है ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The number of Indians sent to America by the Standard-Vacuum Refining Company of India Ltd., Bombay till 31st January 1954, was 5. The expenses were borne by the Company.

The information regarding the number of trainees if any sent to America on Government stipends and by the S.V.O.C. on the (Distribution) side is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इस में यू० पी० का भी कोई आदमी था ?

उत्पादन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री आर० जी० बुत्रे) : यह तो नहीं बताया जा सकता ।

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether Government has any machinery to check what is the quality of the training imparted to these trainees selected by the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company? Or is it entirely the Company's concern?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No, Sir. The Oil Company concerned has prescribed its own requirements and it selects the persons who have to be sent abroad for training. Government take care to see that as many Indians as possible are sent against the background of the requirements of the Company.

Shri K. K. Basu: What about the quality of training?

SINDRI FERTILIZER PLANT

*631. **Shri Tulsidas:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated life of the fertilizer plant at Sindri; and

(b) whether depreciation thereon is calculated on the estimated life or the replacement value of the plant?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). The depreciation on the plant is calculated on the basis of estimated life, which is ten years.