

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

) Exports of handloom cloth in 1953 have shown an increase of about 9 million yards over the 1952 figures.

(b) Rs. 82,156/-/- upto the 1st March, 1954.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know if, as a result of the efforts of this central organisation, the heavy accumulation of stock in India has been to any appreciable extent relieved and thereby any fillip has been given to this industry?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The total estimated production of handloom cloth in India is somewhere between 1,400 million and 1,500 million yards. Surely, the hon. Member does not expect me to say that by 9 million yards more going out, there has been relief. But, relief, I understand, has occurred by means of other measures that we have taken.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know if any part of this handloom cloth exported comprises of *khadi* also?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have no break-up in regard to cloth that is exported; which is of hand-spun yarn and which is of mill-made yarn.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** May I know whether the experience of handloom textile business is taken into consideration in the appointment of overseas marketing officers?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I am afraid I may not be able to answer that.

### खजूर गुड़

\*१३९. डा० राम सुभग सिंह: क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५३-५४ में विभिन्न राज्यों में खजूर गुड़ के उत्पादन में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** Information is being collected and

will be placed on the Table of the House when ready.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Do the Government of India give any subsidy to the different States for developing the palm-gur industry; and if so, what was the amount given during this year?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** We do give a subsidy to the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board. I have not got the figures with me here, and I do not want to hazard a guess.

**Shri Nanadas:** Is there any increase in the export of palm-gur?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I do not know whether there is any export at all.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think this question about export was answered a few days ago.

### SHOLAPUR MILLS

\*940. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a public notice dated the 15th February, 1954 published under the signature of Shri M. J. Divekar, Secretary, by order of the Board of Directors of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Company Limited, intimating that a general meeting of the said company will be held on the 8th March, 1954 to consider a resolution authorising the Directors on behalf of the company to effect a compromise with Government on the basis of a certain specified scheme mentioned therein;

(b) whether any negotiations for such a compromise have been carried between the Government and the Directors of the company; and

(c) if so, at what stage the negotiations stand at present?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.