

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister may place a statement on the Table of the House, if he has no objection.

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know the main advantages derived by our country by having been a member of the GATT in the past?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I think my hon. friend might with advantage read the profuse literature on the subject, which is in the Library of the House.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### U. N. SEMINAR

**\*2. Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Works, Housing and Supply** be pleased to state whether the U.N. Seminar on Housing and Community Improvement was held in Delhi during January 1954?

(b) What subjects were discussed?

(c) Which countries participated by sending their delegates?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir. It commenced on the 21st January and concludes on the 17th February, 1954.

(b) The subjects discussed were—

(i) Methods of increasing the effective use and production of local building materials;

(ii) Methods of preparing housing and community improvement programmes; and

(iii) Physical planning.

(c) Official delegations have taken part in the Seminar from—

Burma, Ceylon, Fiji, Hong-kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, Singapore and Viet-Nam.

##### TEA

**\*7. Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money that is being 'spent every year on tea propaganda in foreign countries; and

(b) whether propaganda is going to be carried on in Canada also?

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

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 7.]

(b) Yes, Sir.

##### SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

**\*12. Shri A. M. Thomas:** (a) Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state whether any special schemes (consequent on the modification and enlargement of the Plan) for Travancore-Cochin State have been drawn up and if so, what?

(b) What is the estimated additional amount that will be necessary for carrying out these schemes?

(c) What is the amount that has so far been spent in Travancore-Cochin under the Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 8.]

(b) Rs. 3.45 crores.

(c) By the end of 1953-54 nearly Rs. 15 crores are expected to be spent out of the total outlay under the State Plan of Rs. 27.3 crores.

##### REPAYMENT OF LOANS

**\*24. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of **Rehabilitation** be pleased to state:

(a) how many notices were issued to displaced persons in Tripura for the repayment of loans;