

not able to say what we have done. But the State Government has given Rs. 43,350.

Shrimati Renu Chakaravartty: May I know what is the proportion of people—workers—who have been organised on a co-operative basis to the total number of workers in the coir industry in the State of Travancore-Cochin?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Damodara Menon: May I know whether State aid is given only to institutions of the coir industry organised on a co-operative basis or it is also given to other institutions?

Shri Karmarkar: The assistance is given to the industry as a whole. But co-operative societies are specially helped and assisted because we do believe that co-operation will go a long way in solving the difficulties of the coir industry.

खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग प्रदर्शनी

*२०२९. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार ने दिल्ली में होने वाली खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग प्रदर्शनी को कितनी सहायता दी है ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): The entire expenditure on the exhibition has been borne by the Government.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि एग्जिबिशन में हानि हुई या कि उस से कुछ आमदनी हुई ।

श्री कर्मरकर : हम फायदा नहीं चाहते, और अगर उस से कुछ हानि होती है तो वह हानि नहीं है ।

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Sir, I have also given notice of the question. I have to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : इस किस्म की नुमाइश से जो फायदा हो रहा है वह शहर की जनता को हो रहा है, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि देहात की जनता को फायदा होता रहे, और सुब्सिडी को भी होता रहे, इस के लिये सरकार की ओर से कोई उपाय किया जा रहा है ।

श्री कर्मरकर : इसके लिये खादी इन्डस्ट्री सोचती है । और और इन्विस्टमेंट्स भी हैं ।

KHADI INDUSTRY

*2030. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts advanced to various States as grants and loans for the development of the Khadi Industry during the year 1953-54; and

(b) how these loans and grants are being utilised?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). While no funds were given to States as such, loans amounting to Rs. 87,14,500 were made available to non-official Institutions and Societies direct. These funds are being utilised for the production and sale of khadi. For details I would invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to pages 24-26 in the Report on the working of the Boards under the administrative control of the Commerce and Industry Ministry (1953-54). Copies of this Report were supplied to the Members of the House and the Library.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many workers are involved so far as this loan is concerned?

Shri Karmarkar: The loan, as I said earlier, has been given to principal

institutions. I might mention them: Sarva Seva Sangh, Wardha; Shri Gandhi Ashram, Meerut; Bihar Khadi Samiti, Muzzafarpur; Bombay Suburban District Gramodyoga Sangh; Bombay Rajasthan Khadi Sangh, Jaipur; Hyderabad Khadi Samiti, Hyderabad; Saurashtra Rachanat-maka Samiti, Rajkot; Sarva Seva Sangh, Sevagram; Tamil Nad, Kerala and other regions, Maharashtra Seva Sangh, Poona, and Gandhi Ashram, Tiruchengode.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the hon. Minister gets any periodical reports from these Sanghs as to the way the money is spent?

Shri Karmarkar: The work is under the scrutiny of the Khadi Board and it is being done quite efficiently. It is always under scrutiny.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the amount spent on the All India Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition in Delhi has been met from the handloom cess realised or from any other fund?

Shri Karmarkar: The supplementary is a little too late. We have passed that.

Mr. Speaker: If he has got the information, he may give it.

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have the question repeated.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Repeat it.

Babu Ramnarayan Singh rose—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Babu Ramnarayan Singh.

Babu Ramanarayan Singh: What are the steps Government are taking to encourage the sale of *khadi* so that there may not be any accumulation after production?

Shri Karmarkar: One of the principal measures, as my hon. friend doubtless knows, is that we subsidise the sales of *Khadi* of all sorts by giving to the consumer a three-anna rebate on all sales of *Khadi*.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know whether subsidies, loans or grants are given only to institutions which are recognised by the All India Spinners' Association?

Shri Karmarkar: To institutions recommended by the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board.

BISCUITS

*2032 **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of biscuits in the country in 1953;

(b) whether the production is sufficient to meet the internal demands;

(c) whether biscuits manufactured in India are exported to foreign countries; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, how much annually and of what value?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) During 1953, the organised units produced 10,830 tons of Biscuits.

(b) There has been no precise estimate of the demand for biscuits.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Information is not available, as exports of biscuits are not shown as a separate item in the existing classification of trade Statistics but are grouped together under the heading "Provision and Oilman's Stores".

Shri L. Jogeswar Singh: May I know if there has been a complaint from the biscuit manufacturers here about the large imports of foreign biscuits, and if so, what protection has been given to this industry so that it may not suffer owing to competition from foreign manufacturers?

Mr. Speaker: Has the question been followed?

Shri Karmarkar: I followed the latter portion, about protection, but not the earlier portion.