

regarding the value of standard acre and state what is the recommendation of the Advisory Committee?

**The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Sri J. K. Bhonsle):** After considering all aspects of the question it has been decided to fix the value of the standard acre after available lands have been allotted to persons having claims for agricultural lands.

**Shri Gidwani:** Do I understand that no decision has been arrived at in regard to that?

**Shri J. K. Bhonsle:** Not yet.

#### FOUR-SPINDLE CHARKHA

\*2046. **Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the demonstration of a four-spindle charkha in the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, Delhi;

(b) what is its average output of yarn per hour; and

(c) whether Government propose to popularise the same?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 1700 yards of yarn per hour.

(c) Government understand that there is some proposal under consideration by the All India Khadi and Village Industries Board.

**Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** May I know the approximate cost of the machinery?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The approximate cost is Rs. 100 for the spinning machine.

**Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** Is it under the contemplation of Government to manufacture charkha in Government institutes or workshop?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The matter is under consideration by the All India

Khadi and Village Industries Board, and if they seek any assistance in the matter, we shall be very happy to give it.

**Shri Thimmaiah:** May I know whether one Mr. Jue Kurien, who has invented the smallest design of charkha, has approached the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for some grant and whether Government is going to give it?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am not aware of this particular case, but if it comes before the Khadi Board, then certainly the matter will be considered.

**Shri Balakrishnan:** May I know whether Government will consider awarding any prize to the inventor of this improved design so as to encourage the public in making discovery of new designs of mechanical goods?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The Government will sympathetically consider the matter if it comes before them from the khadi Board.

#### CALCUTTA STATIONERY OFFICE

\*2047. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) when the shipping work of the Stationery Office was transferred to the Director-General of Supplies and Disposals, Calcutta; and

(b) the profit or loss (year-wise) thereon since the change over?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) From the 15th August, 1951.

(b) The shipping section of the Director General of Supplies and Disposals is not run on a commercial basis but the transfer has resulted in a saving of Rs. 8,000/- (approximately) per year.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May I know the main reason for the change-over?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Actually, the Stationery Office was handling