

Sardar Swaran Singh: Actually, all the States were informed of the scheme and were asked to nominate trainees. Some of the States did take advantage of that; others did not.

CO-OPERATIVE SPINNING MILL

*454. **Shri Jethalal Joshi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given a grant of Rupees ten lakhs from the Cloth Cess Fund to a co-operative spinning Mill proposed to be started in Tirunelveli; and

(b) when the Mill is to come into operation?

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

(a) Government have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to the Madras Government for being re-loaned to the South India Co-operative Spinning Mills Ltd., Tirunelveli.

(b) By August, 1955.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: May I know the total amount of collection of the Cloth Cess Fund and the industries to which grants have been made in 1953-54?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid, Sir, this relates to the grant of a particular amount from the Cess Fund. The information is available, but I have not got it on hand.

Shri Bansal: May I know if Government have received any details about this spinning mill and whether the machinery will be imported or purchased from indigenous manufacturers?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The question of purchase of machinery has not been settled—that is the information that I have. In fact, the particular mill is negotiating with the Assam Government to take over from them the purchase of machinery which they had contracted for in respect of a scheme that they had to set up a spinning mill in Assam some time back. If those negotiations fail, ob-

viously, under our present import regulations, the bulk of the machinery for this spinning mill will have to be bought locally.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether it is an interest-free loan or an interest leviable loan?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It does bear an interest of 3-5/8 per cent.

INDUSTRIES FAIR IN LONDON

*455. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Representatives attended the Industries Fair in London held in May, 1954; and

(b) what were the main Indian products that were sent for exhibition?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 50.]

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether the bidri-ware products of Hyderabad State were also sent for exhibition?

Shri Karmarkar: As you will see from the statement, the bidri-ware products were also sent.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know how many of the Commonwealth countries were represented in this exhibition?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information on that, but I presume all the Commonwealth countries were represented.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce propose to hold an exhibition on the lines of the Industries Fair in London and whether Government propose to give any help to them?

Shri Karmarkar: That does not arise out of this question, but I may tell the hon. Member that they do propose to hold an exhibition next year some time in November 1955.