

were in spate for some time in August 1954 causing damage to communications. No damage to cultivation or houses has been reported.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the amount of Central assistance allotted to Uttar Pradesh and the basis therefor, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 18]

(d) Information is awaited from the State Government and it will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as possible.

Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah: Is the Government aware that not a penny has been given and that there have been floods and some amount of paddy has been washed away?

Shri Hathi: As I have just said, the information received from Uttar Pradesh is that no damage to cultivation has been reported. There are the other ten districts for which details about the loss of lives and cattle and other things are available but there is no mention about this.

Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah: In my question, I did not say about loss of life and loss of cattle.....

Mr. Speaker: The information supplied by the U.P. Government does not show any such thing.

SPINNING MILLS

*1183. **Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether small units of spinning mills, with one hundred to five hundred spindles each, have been set up in any part of our country;

(b) if so, the number of such units and the names of the places where they have been set up; and

(c) the capital required for the lowest units?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) An unit of 10,000 spindles would require a capital of about Rs. 25 lakhs, including land and building.

Shri T. Subrahmanyam: Is it a fact that such small units are successfully operating in Japan—with 500 to 1,000 spindles for each unit?

* **Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have no information.

Shri T. Subrahmanyam: Do Government propose either themselves or through their technological agencies to carry on research or experiment with regard to the starting of such small units?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: All the experiments that have been carried out all along have proved to be failures and that is why Government are firmly of the opinion that a unit with 10,000 spindles is the only one that is near economic.

Diwan Raghavendra Rao: Is it proposed that decentralisation of the existing industry has to be brought in such small units with the rationalisation schemes?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid I do not know what the hon. Member has in his mind. We are merely discussing the question of the economic unit in regard to a spinning mill. I do not think anybody has said anything about decentralisation of spinning. Decentralisation could be done in weaving and I think it is being done in regard to it.

INDIANS RESIDING IN SUDAN

*1184. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians residing in Sudan at present;

(b) whether there are any restrictions in that country on immigration from India; and

(c) if so, what are the restrictions?