Shri Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether the Government is aware that some of the Muslims who have infiltrated into India are carrying on espionage work on behalf of Pakistan?

Shri A. P. Jain: I have already answered that question.

MEDIUM AND COARSE CLOTH (PRICE)

- *581. Shri B. R. Bhagat: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the prices of medium and coarse varieties of cloth and yarn will be revised, and if so, when and how: and
- (b) whether the practice of quarterly review of cloth prices will be continued?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Prices have been recently revised for June. They will be revised again for July in accordance with the usual procedure.

(b) Yes. Sir.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: May I know whether there has been an upward revision of prices, and if so, what are the reasons for that?

Shri Karmarkar: Regarding fine and superfine cloth when the prices were last revised for the quarter—April to June 1952—there was a reduction from about 5 per cent. to 9 per cent. in comparison with the previous quarter. So also there was a similar reduction in the prices of yarn. In respect of coarse and medium cloth for the month of May alone the prices of coarse and medium cloth were revised and there was a reduction of 5 to 24 per cent. After the prices were enforced, the Textile Commissioner went into the incidence of cost because the mills represented that there has been an increase in cost. As a result of his inquiry for the month of June there has been a small increase between ·7 per cent. to 2·59 per cent. over the May

Shri B. R. Bhagat: May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to revise the prices now monthly instead of quarterly?

Shri Karmarkar: My hon. friend will appreciate that in respect of coarse and medium cloth the system of abnormal monthly revision was found necessary because there was a dispute regarding the prices of indigenous cottor, which fluctuated very much during that period but normally the policy is to revise the prices only quarterly.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: How has the cost of production of these two types of cloth been determined? In view of the fact that there may be a fall in the cost of production due to the lowering of prices of raw materials, may I know whether the Government will examine it at a later date the prices of these commodities?

Shri Karmarkar: Government has the matter under consideration and examination

श्री सिहासन सिंह: क्या इस वक्त रूई

का भाव मार्च से सर ाहै ?

[Shri Sinhasan Singh: Are the prices of cotton lower now than they were in March?]

भी करमरकर : इसके लिए तो मने नोटिस चाहिए। मैं आजकल असबारों में देखता हं कि रोज घीरे घीरे इंडीजिनस काटन की प्राइतेज बढ़ती जाती है।

[Shri Karmarkar: I require notice for that. From newspaper reports it appears that the prices of indigenous cotton are rising gradually, day by day.]

Shri Jangde: May I know what was the price index number of this cloth in 1950 and what is the price index number in 1952?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri G. D. Somani: May I ask if the latest revision of prices of coarse and cloth fully compensates medium the rise in the manufacturing cost as laid down in the Tariff Board formula?

Shri Karmarkar: I am hapoy that She harmarkar: 1 am napoy mainthis question gives me an opportunity to make a clarification. We offered the results of the Tariff Board formula but they were not happy about it. They wanted the incidence in the rise of cost should be considered S) we considered it. My personal opinion is that the present prices would afford full coverage by way of compensation.

Shri Damodara Menon: Has the Government considered the effect of inis increase in the price of coarse cith on the cost of living of the lower income groups, at a time when the prices of foodgrains also have registered a rise?

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Shri Karmarkar: I suppose my hon. friend remembers that the increase in June is 7 to 2.87 and I think this will not have a great effect on the cost of living.

Shri G. D. Somani: May I know whether the rise in the cost of living index figure by 32 points in Bombay and Ahmedabad, caused by the withdrawal of food subsidy has been taken into account in fixing the revised price structure?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What is the morgin of profit given to the producer for coarse cloth? May I know whether there is any possibility of further reducing it?

Shri Karmarkar: At present, a margin of 14 per cent. for cloth and 12½ per cent. for yarn, over ex-mill prices is allowed to the retailer. If my hon friend feels that there is any suggestion for a change, he can send it to us. We shall be happy to consider it.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Is there any relationship between the price of cotton and the price of cloth? If so, what is the justification for raising the price of cloth when cotton prices have fallen?

shri Karmarkar: As my hon. friend well knows, cotton prices cover 60 per cent. of the price of cloth. But. there is also something like working of cotton into cloth. It was the Mill Owners Association that urged that there was an increase in that. The Government had to consider that also.

TECHNICAL TRAINING OF DISPLACED PERSONS

- *582. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of **Rehabilitation** be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a technical training centre for displaced students will be attached to the Jadav-pur Technical Institute near Calcutta;
- (b) if so, how much capital and recurring grants have been sanctioned and how many students can be trained there at a time; and
- (c) what will be the courses of study there?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) A capital grant of Rs. 2,89,000. The amount of recurring grant is under consideration. The scheme provides for the training of 328 students each year.

- (c) A statement is laid on the Table giving the trades in which training will be imparted. [See Appendix 111, annexure No. 40.]
- Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether general students will be allowed to continue their studies with the displaced persons?
- Shri A. P. Jain: I do not know whether there are any general students. The institutions which we set up are primarily meant for displaced persons.
- Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any financial assistance will be given to the students studying in these institutions?
- Shri A. P. Jain: Yes; Rs. 30 a month; for exceptional students Rs. 35.
- Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether there have been added such training centres in any other institution in India?
- Shri A. P. Jain: Very large number. We are giving training. I think, to about 12,000 students in the east and west.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May 1 know whether the Government has any plans to absorb these trained students?

Shri A. P. Jain: Yes. We try to secure jobs for them. We also give them loans for establishing small scale industries.

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- *583. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:
- (a) how many International Conferences were held in India in 1951-52; and
- (b) the monetary help in the form of grants or loans received from those Organisations or Conferences?
- ...The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Ten.
 - (b) None.
- Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the International Commission on Irrigation and Canals and such like Conferences were held in January 1951, and the 27th session of the International Institute of Statistics was also held in Calcutta and Delhi?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes. So far as the first one is concerned, I believe that falls outside the period of enquiry. So far as the second is concerned, it is certainly included in my answer.