

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 margin 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 Jadavpur 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 III, 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 I 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.