

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know, Sir, whether Government have circulated a draft scheme for the implementation of the proposals for comments?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** About what? Is it the coal mines or the Provident Fund?

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** Provident Fund.

**Shri V. V. Giri:** It has become an Act, and a scheme has been circulated and we are waiting for comments.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, whether Government is contemplating to contribute 6½ per cent. towards the contribution made by the employer and the employee under this Act?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** It is not intended by the Government.

**Shri Thann Pillai:** Is the present wage structure sufficiently high to compel the worker to make savings?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I think so.

**Shri S. C. Deb:** May I know, Sir, whether Government is contemplating any such scheme in the tea industry?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Yes, it will be examined.

**Mr. Speaker:** The next three questions of Dr. Deshmukh will be taken up at the end as he is not here. No. 755.

#### SILK CLOTH

\*755. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the average consumption of silk cloth per year in India?

(b) What is the average production of silk cloth in the country?

(c) What is the stock of silk cloth with manufacturers?

(d) Why was the necessity felt for reduction of produce of silk goods?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) About 16 million yards.

(b) About 17 million yards.

(c) The information is not available.

(d) The recent reduction in the production of silk goods is due to the present slump which has affected several commodities.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know Sir, what is the effect of

the protective duty that has been imposed recently on the production of silk goods?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The effect, it is presumed, Sir, should be wholesome.

**Shri Dabhi:** What is the average annual production of hand-spun and hand-woven silk goods?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have no separate figures for hand-spun and hand-woven silk goods.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know, Sir, what is the quantity of silk goods exported in the year 1950-51?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Goods exported in 1950-51 are of the value of Rs. 8,63,722.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know how many power looms, hand looms and mills have been closed recently on account of the slump in the silk market?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice.

**Shri Nambiar:** Is there any proposal to solve this silk crisis for which the production is there, and there is no export, Sir?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. A very vague question.

**Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** May I know, Sir, whether any machines for small scale industries in textiles have been imported?

**Shri Karmarkar:** So far as silk is concerned, we recently imported some four reeling machines from Japan, and we have found them to be useful.

#### FOREIGN CAPITAL

\*756. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what industries in India have attracted foreign capital since August, 1947?

(b) What is the amount of foreign capital invested in India during this period and by what countries?

(c) What is the proportion of Indian capital invested in the same industries?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) A list of the principal industries in which investment of foreign capital was sanctioned during the years 1948-51 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 21.]

Information in respect of 1947 is not available.