

it is difficult to forecast how much will arrive by 30th June 1952.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What is the balance? Will the hon. Minister give that information?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The balance is somewhere in the region of 12 lakh bales, I believe. The quota released is 25 lakh bales for 3 four-monthly quotas. The balance can therefore be calculated.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Was there any correspondence between our Government and the Government of Pakistan? What is the explanation they have given for the delay?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: If the hon. Member will put down a question, I shall attempt to answer it.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No. 20. May I also request, Sir, that since 15 minutes were taken up by other matters, those 15 minutes may be given now for questions?

Mr. Speaker: The Question-hour cannot be extended like that.

Shri Velayudhan: At least this question may be put.

Mr. Speaker: That has already been put.

INDIANS IN CEYLON

*20. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to make a statement on the position of the Indians settled in Ceylon with respect to their franchise?

(b) What steps have the Government of India taken in the matter so far, and with what result?

(c) Are there any steps that are proposed to be taken in the immediate future?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (c). In this connection the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the two Press releases of 24th April and 3rd May 1952. The Government are watching the developments carefully and will take whatever steps they think appropriate in the changing conditions in Ceylon.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Would the Government be pleased to state if there is any improvement in the situation or whether the situation has worsened?

Dr. Keskar: I do not think there is any change either way.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know whether the Government of India intervened in this matter before the dissolution of the Ceylon Parliament?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether the Government is thinking of taking this to the United Nations?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): No, Sir.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether Government is thinking of applying diplomatic sanctions?

Mr. Speaker: The Question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COTTON

*10. **Shri R. K. Chaudhury:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the cotton contracted to be supplied to India by foreign countries are likely to reach this country within the stipulated time viz., by the end of the year 1952?

(b) Is there any likelihood of complete decontrol of cotton and cotton cloth in the near future and if so, when?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

BRASS

*11. **Shri R. K. Chaudhury:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that manufacturers of brass utensils throughout India and particularly in the States of Assam are experiencing great difficulty in getting supplies of brass ingots?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): There have been some complaints from various parts of the country. The quantity of brass available during the last year was very much less than that in the previous two years. The main difficulty is in getting copper and zinc in sufficient quantities. Government are, however, doing everything possible to secure as much as possible of these metals.

FOREIGN TOILET ARTICLES

*12. **Shri R. K. Chaudhury:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any special facilities have been granted by