

Mr. Giri, when he visited the camp in 1948, reported to the Government of India that the camp was being maintained at a high level of efficiency.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know whether the Indian Government is running a quarantine establishment at Talaimannar on the other side?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** I require notice.

#### HANDLOOM CLOTH

**\*2194. Shri Damodara Menon:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that over fifty lakhs worth of handloom cloth is lying unsold in the handloom establishments at Cannanore and suburbs and that several thousands of weavers have been thrown out of work; and

(b) what steps do Government propose to take to find markets for this accumulated stock and to relieve the unemployment of handloom weavers?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes. Government have been informed of that before the number of weavers thrown out of work is, however, estimated to be about 10,000.

(b) The Government of Madras have drawn up a Scheme to provide relief to weavers through Co-operative Societies.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** Have the Government of Madras approached the Central Government for any help in this matter?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Specifically, no. But, constant correspondence is going on between the Government of Madras and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in this regard.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** Are the Government of India prepared to help the workers who have been thrown out of job?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** It all depends upon what is the nature of the help that we can give. Such help as we can give, we are always prepared to give.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** May I know whether the Government contemplate formulating in the near future a comprehensive scheme for tackling the problem of handloom weavers and handloom-cloth?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The matter is under consideration.

**Shri Raghobachari:** May I know the number of people thrown out of employment in Rayalaseema?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I must ask for notice.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know whether the officer deputed by the Commerce Ministry has submitted his report, and if so, what are his recommendations, and whether Government has taken any action on them?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** If the hon. Member is referring to Malabar, I think I have not sent any officer.

**Shri Kelappan:** Has Government any scheme for the speedy disposal of this accumulated stock?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** No, Sir.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** Is there any likelihood of export of these accumulated stocks to foreign countries?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** We believe there is a likelihood.

**Shri Raghobachari:** Has any financial help been granted to Madras State in this connection?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** At the moment, the Government of India have not considered any scheme to grant any financial help to the State as such. In fact, no such proposal has been made.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** Have the Madras Government consulted this Government over reserving certain kinds of yarn for weaving by hand-loom weavers alone?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** That happens to be one of the subjects which is under correspondence.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhury:** May I know whether Government are taking any steps to increase the quantity of yarn in this country either by increasing the output in the existing mills, or by the establishment of new mills for that purpose?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The present problem is to consume the yarn that is manufactured. So the question does not arise.

#### INDIAN IMMIGRATION INTO CEYLON

**\*2195. Shri Damodara Menon:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been allegations in Ceylon of illegal landings on a