

are any factories in India for the manufacture of battery separators?

(b) If so, where are they located and what was their production during 1951-52?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). There are three mechanised factories located at Dalhousie, Dehra Dun and Delhi. Their production in 1951-52 was nearly 1.8 millions.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What would be the total capacity of these units when they are in full production?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The total installed capacity of these three units is supposed to be 20 million.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What are the total requirements of our country?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** On the basis of licences issued they have been varying from year to year, but in 1951, for the licensing period ending second half of 1951 the total amount of licences issued was for about 29 million. We do not know how much of those licences were used. But for the first half of 1952, the licences issued were just for about three quarter million.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Are these units owned by Indians solely, or are there any foreign investments as well?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have got the names of these three units—they indicate they are Indian, but I am not quite positive as to who owns them ultimately.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether the hon. Minister will call for information as to the foreign investment in this particular case?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** If a question is put, I will attempt to answer it.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Do we import such separators?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** So I am told.

#### TRAINING OF DISPLACED PERSONS

\*3. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the scheme for specialised training of displaced persons in vocational and technical trades in the Labour Ministry's training centres throughout the country has been sanctioned for another year?

(b) What is the total number so far trained in these Centres?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Yes, upto the end of 1953-54.

(b) 11,110 displaced persons were trained at the Ministry of Labour's Centres upto the end of August 1952. In addition, 4,015 displaced persons were trained by the Ministry of Labour's Scheme for Apprenticeship training with private industrial establishments.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Have the Government any data as to what number out of the trained were employed or got useful employment?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** We do not have that data.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Were any of these given any aid by Government to start their business or their enterprise?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Yes, quite a number of them.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know what was the total amount that was given to them?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** These persons are eligible for loans like others and, in fact, preference was given to them. No separate statistics are kept, nor will it be possible to collect these statistics.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know how many such centres are available for displaced persons from East Bengal, and what is the number of trainees getting training there?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** The number of the displaced persons from East Bengal who have received training up to the end of August, 1952, is as follows:—

Technical training	2,149
Vocational training	434
	2,583
Apprenticeship training with private concerns	1,451
Total	4,034

As regards the number of persons under training in 1951-52, the figures are—

Technical training	767
Vocational training	159
Apprenticeship training	478
	1,404

**Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** We read in the papers that there are thirty-eight new rehabilitation centres for the East Bengal refugees, proposed by the Central Government. May I know whether these are covered by the vocational training centres?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** This question refers to the Labour Ministry's centres for vocational and technical training, and those rehabilitation centres are not covered by this.

**Shri Gidwani:** Could the hon. Minister give exact figures as to the number of people who after getting the training have taken up the line for which they were trained and as to how many of them are unemployed?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** We started a follow-up scheme and gave ten cards to each of the trainees. Unfortunately, very few responded and we have not got any statistics as to the number of persons who are actually working in the line in which they received the training.

लाला अजित राम : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी कृपा करके बतायेंगे कि सरकार का अनुभव क्या है, जितनी ट्रेनिंग अब विद्यार्थियों को दी जाती है क्या वह उनके लिये अपने पावों पर खड़े हो कर टोटी कमाने के लिये काफी है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : यह तो विद्यार्थियों के ऊपर भी मून्हसिर है। जो अच्छे विद्यार्थी होते हैं वह ट्रेनिंग पा कर अपने पैरों पर खड़े हो सकते हैं।

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid it is a matter of opinion; let it not be pursued further.

#### INDO-AMERICAN RELIEF AGREEMENT

\*4. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of supplies so far received from the U.S.A. under the Indo-American Relief Agreement; and

(b) whether that Agreement has expired or has been renewed?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) The value of supplies received up to 30th

June, 1952 under the Indo-American agreement of 9th July, 1951 was approximately 765,365 or Rs. 36,44,597.

(b) The original term of the agreement expired on the 30th June, 1952. But its validity has been extended till such time as a new agreement, which is under consideration is concluded.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What help did the Government of the United States render in sending these supplies to this country?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** Well, these are not really given by the Government of the United States but by private agencies.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Did it give any help in sending those supplies to this country?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** I am afraid I have no information on that point.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What is the machinery which has been set up here for distributing the relief received in this country from foreign countries?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** It is chiefly the Health Ministry or the Red Cross.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether this agreement has anything to do with the Colombo Plan?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** No, Sir, none.

#### RAID ON AGENCY FOREST HEADQUARTERS AT TIRAP

\*5. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the North-East Frontier Agency Administration has requested the Government of Burma to trace the gang of dacoits who had raided the Agency Forest Headquarters at Tirap?

(b) If so, have Government any information as to whether any steps have been taken by the Government of Burma in that regard?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** (a) On receipt of a report from the North East Frontier Agency, the Government of Burma have been requested through our Embassy in Rangoon to trace the dacoits and recover the property looted.

(b) Necessary enquiries have been instituted by the Government of Burma the result of which is awaited and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the value of the property which was looted there?