

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 मुनहसिर 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?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We have no exact information about the value of the property looted.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know when that raid was made and whether it was the first of its kind.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We got information from our Adviser for Tribal Areas in Assam on the 26th of July, and the dacoity took place on the 17th of July.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Was the Political Officer of the Frontier Agency Administration instructed to contact his opposite number of the adjoining area of the Burma Government and discover the details about that raid?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We instructed our Embassy in Burma to contact the Burma Government.

Shrimati Khongmen: Is it not a fact that one of our officers was seriously injured in the raid?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We have no information, Sir.

MACHINE TOOL FACTORIES

*6. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any fully graded machine tool factory exists in India at present?

(b) If so, what is the number of such factories?

(c) Where are they located?

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

(b) 16.

(c) 5 in Calcutta area;

6 in Bombay area;

3 in Delhi area;

1 in Hyderabad area; and

1 in Mysore area.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the share of foreign capital in these factories?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid I have not got the information.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What is the total amount so far invested in these factories?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The Ministry has not got the figures in regard to the investment.

Shri A. C. Guha: Are these factories fully equipped factories or are they

more or less on a cottage industry scale?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: No, these are all fully equipped factories.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the State machine tool factories have been included in these sixteen?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: No, Sir.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that the Indian Tariff Board which made a study of this matter recommended that a twenty-five per cent. *ad valorem* duty should be imposed on the imports of machine tools?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: That is a fact.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that the Tariff Board pointed out that five out of 186 factories, had good equipment and good management in 1947, and has Government done anything to better the conditions of this industry?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid I am not in a position to answer the question. Government are doing quite a lot to put these various units on a sound basis.

Shri V. P. Nayar: One more question.

Mr. Speaker: No more questions now. We are going into speculations!

INDO-AMERICAN TREATY OF COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

*7. **Shri Bansal:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the answer to starred question No. 737 asked on the 12th June, 1952 and state what progress has been made in the negotiations for the conclusion of an Indo-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation?

(b) When is the Treaty expected to be signed?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). Discussions between the two Governments are still going on and it is not possible to say when they will conclude.

Dr. Lanka Sundaram: May I know whether any suggestion has been made that the proposed treaty between India and the United States should only be a treaty of friendship but not of commerce since there are international trade instruments like the G.A.A.T. and other treaties?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: The negotiations are now going on between the two Governments and it will not be in