

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

public interest to give information on those points.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Indian shipping enterprises, which cannot meet even a portion of India's shipping demands at present, be helped to acquire more ships under this treaty?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: It does not arise.

Mr. Speaker: He is perhaps mistaking it for something else. How does it arise?

Shri B. S. Murthy: Navigation, Sir.

EXPORT OF RAW COTTON TO JAPAN

*8. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the purchase of our raw cotton by Japan has considerably increased and if so, to what extent?

(b) What is the quantity that Japan purchased from India during recent months?

(c) Are we meeting the entire demand from Japan or does our quota restriction stand in the way of exports?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari): (a) Yes. A statement showing the exports of Indian raw cotton during the years 1949, 1950 and 1951 and for the period 1st January 1952 to 22nd September 1952 is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) During the current year Japan has purchased so far 187,617 bales.

(c) Yes. We are meeting the demand.

STATEMENT

Year	Bales
1949	61,998
1950	51,149
1951	48,716
1952 upto 22-9-1952	187,617

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know the quantity exported before the war?

Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari: I am afraid I have to ask for notice.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What is the total quantity for export fixed for the current year?

Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari: 3,52,000 bales.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Is it not a fact that Japan is our competitor in cotton piecegoods and will not the export of cotton to Japan give her an advantage to compete with India in that respect?

Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari: The type of cotton we are allowing to be exported happens to be cotton which we cannot use here. And if by some means Japan is making use of that cotton for manufacturing fabrics, it may be that it comes into the scheme of competition that the hon. Member envisages. But we do not think at the moment there is any serious disadvantage, so far as we are concerned, by allowing this cotton to be exported to Japan.

Shri Gadgil: Are any efforts made by the Government of India to utilize this type of cotton in India itself?

Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari: A certain quantity is being utilized, but not all of it.

श्री स्यामनन्दन सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस देश में जो कपड़े की कमी है उस कमी के ऊपर और उसकी क्षीमता पर इस जापान के एक्सपोर्ट का क्या असर पड़ेगा ?

Shri T. T. Krishnaamachari: It seems to be so involved, Sir, that I cannot grasp the hon. Member's question.

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. Member please repeat the question.

Shri Syamnandan Sahays: I said what will be the effect on the price?

Mr. Speaker: It is a matter of opinion.

पंडित अलनुराध शास्त्री : मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि इस तरह की कितनी रूई हिन्दुस्तान में काम में लाई जाती है और कितनी जापान को भेजी जाती है और दोनों का अनुपात क्या है ?

Mr. Speaker: What is the quantity of cotton used in India and the quantity exported to Japan?