(b) if not, the total value of shoes imported from foreign countries;

(c) the percentage of demand met by cottage industry and shoes factories;

(d) the steps that Government are contemplating to take for developing this industry; and

(e) whether any financial aid by the Central or State Governments has been given to this industry in the last three years?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No precise estimate has been made.

(b) Rs. 23,081. Rs. 23,312 and Rs. 20,000 worth of shoes were imported in 1951-52, 1952-53 and for nine months in 1953-54.

(c) Government have no precise information.

(d) and (e). Statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 19.]

बीड़ी बनाने की मधीन

*१०७७. भी गणपति राम ः न्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में बीड़ी बनाने की मभीनें त्रस्येक राज्य में कितनी चल रही हैं ; और

(स) प्रत्येक मशीन कितने मजदूरों का काम करती है ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Government have no information.

(b) By employing machines, it is estimated that the output of 3 men will be equal to the output of 10 men.

MILL Dhoties

190. Shri Sinhasan Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Dhoties Excise (Extra) Duty Act passed in the last 785 P.S.D. session of the Parliament has been effective in checking textile mills from producing *dhoties* over 60 p.c. of their total production as envisaged in the said Act;

(b) the extra production of handloom *dhoties* since the enforcement of the said Act;

(c) whether the mills have since the enforcement of the said Act produced *dhoties* with white border; and

(d) if so, which of the mills have done so and to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The Mills have generally complied with the orders to restrict production of dhoties.

(b) Information is not available Reports, however, show that several handlooms which in the past were not producing *dhotics* have recently switched on to the production of *dhoties*.

(c) Yes.

(d) A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 20.]

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN MYSORE

191. Shri N. Rachiah: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to take up any more Community Projects and Development Blocks in Mysore; and

(b) if so, how many, when and in which districts?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) No decision has yet been taken.

REHABILITATION LOANS TO TRIPURA

192. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any amount to the Government of Tripura for granting rehabilitation loans to the displaced persons during 1953-54; and

(b) if so, the total amount given?