

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** The State Governments will be shortly addressed by the Planning Commission regarding their programmes of irrigation and power for the Second Five Year Plan. In this connection the power potential and requirements of each State will be surveyed in co-operation with the State Government.

**Shri M. L. Agrawal:** Has no consideration been yet given already by the State Governments or the Government of India?

**Shri Hathi:** As I mentioned, they are being considered by the Governments.

#### HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN MADRAS

\*166. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated from the Mill Cloth Cess Fund to the Madras State in 1953 for development of handloom industry; and

(b) what are the developmental works undertaken so far by the State Government to help this industry?

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

(a) The share of the residuary Madras State is Rs. 98,38,677/-.

(b) A statement showing the development works for which monies have so far been sanctioned is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 32.]

Precise information about the progress made by the Madras State on the various development works is not available at present.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** Of the 11 schemes for the implementation of which money have been sanctioned by the Central Government for the Madras State, which are the schemes which have been implemented?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Precise information in this regard is not yet available. I expect to have a report from the Madras Government by the year end.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government to help the handloom weavers who are not members of handloom co-operative societies?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** At the present moment, no.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to finance partly the starting of co-operative textile mills in Madras?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** That is the idea. The entire scheme of handloom development by means of this cess is, as far as possible, to help weavers to go into co-operative societies so that we would be able to eliminate to a very large extent middlemen.

#### HIRAKUD HOSPITAL

\*167. **Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the total amount of money spent for Hirakud Hospital in 1953-54?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** Rs. 2,00,366/- upto 31-12-53.

**Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Out of this amount, may I know what was the amount spent in petrol consumption for the only ambulance van of the Hirakud hospital?

**Shri Hathi:** Rs. 20,000 has been provided for that.

**Dr. Natabar Pandey:** May I know if a log-book is maintained for the ambulance van in that hospital?

**Shri Hathi:** Yes; log-books are maintained.

**Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether this ambulance van is used only for carrying patients from one place to another, or it is used for some other purpose?

**Shri Hathi:** It is being used for the purpose for which it is meant.

PAKISTAN-U. S. MILITARY ALLIANCE

\*168. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Pakistan High Commissioner in New Delhi delivered a note to the External Affairs Ministry on 19th December, 1953 protesting against the alleged Congress Campaign against the proposed United States-Pakistan military alliance?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):** Yes.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether it is a fact that U.S. Ambassador in India has said in one of his speeches that India believes in violence as they have done in Hyderabad and therefore the American Government is justified in giving military assistance to Pakistan?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** I would like to have a separate question on the matter.

**Shri Gidwani:** What is the nature of the reply of the Government to that letter?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** I am prepared to give a summary of that reply. The reply of the Government of India, which was sent on the 23rd December, 1953, took note of the public denials and assurances of the Governor-General and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, but at the same time drew the attention of the Pakistan High Commissioner to the confirmation by their Prime Minister that the Government of the United States was proposing to give free military aid to Pakistan, and added that India's concern was with the effects of the aid on Pakistan's relations with India, South-East Asia in particular and the international situation in general.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** The letter read out just now wants a confirmation from the Pakistan High Commissioner. Did the Government get that confirmation asked for?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question-hour is over. I am only waiting for the reply.

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** I do not think he has quite understood the question. I have not understood it either.

**Mr. Speaker:** The time is over.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** May I seek clarification on the question which you said you would allow me to put later on?

**Mr. Speaker:** He may table that question by separate notice.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** I want guidance in this matter. How was that question irrelevant, and why was it disallowed? It was part of the subject.

**Mr. Speaker:** Whatever it is, he may address a letter to me.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** It is difficult to write a letter—I have no typewriter.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

AHMEDIYA CONFERENCE AT QUADIAN

\*133. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a party of Ahmediyas came from Pakistan to attend the 62nd Annual Conference at Quadian during 1953?

(b) How long did they stay in India?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda):**  
(a) Yes.

(b) Four days.