Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: What is the amount spent on Vinay Nagar?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Rs. 20,000.

Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Do Government propose to spend the same amount in each locality which has put in a representation?

Sardar Swaran Singh: It is difficult to make a firm commitment of that nature, but the requests will be scrutinised and reasonable facilities will be provided.

## लंका म भारतीय

\*१३७. सेठ गे।विन्द दास : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि लंगा में १९५३ में कितने भारतीयों ने लंका की नागरिकता के अधिकार प्राप्त किये ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): 10,790.

सेठ गोविन्द बास : क्या सन् १९५४ में भी जो लोग वहां पर भारत के रहते हैं, वह सीलोन के नागरिक हो सकेंगे ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: A large number of applications from people of Indian descent living in Ceylon had been received by the Government. A number of them have been disposed of. Some have been rejected, but a very large number of them yet remains to be disposed of.

सेठ गोविन्व दास: वह दर्खास्तें जो अभी बाक़ी हैं, उन का फ़ैसला कब तक हा जायेगा?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: In the recent agreement signed between our Government and the Ceylon Government there is a stipulation that in the course of the next two years all these applications would be finally disposed of.

भीमती कमलेन्बुमित शाह : जिन की एप्लीकेशन्स् मंजूर नहीं हुईं, उन का क्या होगा ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: From our viewpoint they are not Indian nationals. They are still in Ceylon. Anyway, you may say they are state-less persons for the time being.

श्री अल्गू राय शास्त्री: उन की तादाद कितनी होगी?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Shri B. S. Murthy.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know how many persons of Indian origin in Ceylon are likely to get citizenship in Ceylon as a result of the conference between the Prime Ministers of India and Ceylon?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: It is very difficult for me to say what would be the number.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware of a message which is reported in yesterday's Evening Express that the Government of Ceylon are thinking of making special inducements to persons of Indian origin in order to make them register themselves as Indian nationals, and whether the Government will take steps to ensure that the spirit of the recent agreement is not in any way broken?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Certainly we shall see to that.

## NEPA MILLS

- \*138. Sardar A. S. Saigal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Experts Committee appointed to examine the Nepa Papes Project has submitted its report;
- (b) what are the findings of the Committee; and
- (c) whether a further loan of Rupees one crore has been given to the State Government for this Project under the Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the Committee has submitted its report which is under examination.