

the tribal people, in Tripura, by the Late Maharaja;

(b) whether it is a fact, that there had been a standing order of the Government of Tripura in those days, that no non-tribal people could be settled on those reserved areas;

(c) if so, when such order was cancelled and the reserved land made available for non-tribals; and

(d) the area or areas which were reserved for tribal people of Tripura?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) 2060 sq. miles were reserved for 5 classes of hill people by the Ruler out of which an area of 300 sq. miles was released by the Regent Maharani on 14th August 1948 for purposes of rehabilitation of displaced persons.

(d) Areas which were reserved for 5 classes of tribal people are shown hereunder :—

(In square miles)

Name of Sub-Division	Area Reserved	Area Released
1. Kailashahar ...	308	70
2. Khowai ...	110,412	75
3. Sadar ...	195	30
4. Amarpur	527	40
5. Udaipur	150	30
6. Belonia ...	198	45
7. Sabroom ...	160	10
TOTAL	2,060	300

EXCISE DUTY ON DHOTIES

1097. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the poor people will get relief by the exemption of excise duty on *dhoties* and *sarees* of coarse varieties in view of their production in negligible quantity; and

(b) the supply with reference to the production figures of different varieties of cloth for the months of November and December, 1955?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):

(a) The Honourable Member is presumably referring to the exclusion of coarse *dhoties* and *saris* from the recent increase of six pies per square yard in the excise duty on Cotton Fabrics. The relief to the consumer by this exclusion is estimated at Rs. 5 lakhs for the current financial year.

(b) Figures of production of cotton fabrics of different varieties and *dhoties* and *sarees* packed for civil consumption during the months of November and December, 1955 are:

	November 1955 (in bales of 1500 yards)		December 1955	
	Total	Dhoties and sarees	Total	Dhoties and sarees
Superfine.	8,917	4,974	12,581	6,829
Fine.	12,510	5,806	16,495	7,889
Medium.	1,25,843	41,643	1,51,750	53,498
Coarse.	25,000	678	26,961	750