

with the help of the Customs and Immigration Departments, under a Deputy Superintendent of Police, conduct special raids to stop this evil.

(b) 17,773 applications for Ceylon citizenship were pending at the end of January, 1958.

**Andhra Pradesh Mica Mines
Labour Welfare Fund**

1567. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount at the credit of Andhra Pradesh Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund at present;

(b) the nature of welfare activities undertaken by the Mica Labour Welfare Fund Organisation, Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the reasons for not constructing any quarters?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) About Rs. 11,33,000 on the 1st April 1957.

(b) Welfare measures in regard to medical, educational, recreational and drinking water facilities have so far been undertaken in this area.

(c) It is understood that as most of the mica mines get exhausted soon, the mine owners do not want to invest money on the construction of pucca houses in mining areas. They have therefore not taken advantage of the Subsidy or the Subsidy-cum-loan scheme formulated by the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund Organisation for the construction of houses for mica miners.

Export of Black Pepper

1568. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total exports of black pepper during 1957-58 so far;

(b) the names of the countries to which exports have been made and the quantity in each case; and

(c) how the above exports compare with those of the year 1956-57?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (c). A statement showing exports of black pepper during 1956-57 and 1957-58 (April—September) is attached. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 114.]

Weavers Cooperatives in Assam

1569. { **Shri Bhagavati:**
Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many weavers co-operatives have been formed in Assam;

(b) how many handlooms have come under them;

(c) how many such co-operatives have got credit facilities from the Reserve Bank of India;

(d) what is the total amount of credit for 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(e) how many handlooms have been converted into powerlooms in Assam either in the co-operative fold or otherwise?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 920, as on 30th September, 1957.

(b) 25,563 handlooms as on 30th September, 1957.

(c) None.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Nil.

Food dropping in N.E.F.A.

1570. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the names of air services engaged in food dropping for North East Frontier Agency; and

(b) the terms and conditions entered into with different companies?