

**Import of Cloves**

1485. **Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to import cloves from Zanzibar; and

(b) if so, the total quantity to be imported?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) and (b). Imports of cloves from Zanzibar take place under the current import policy. The present quota for established importers for the period October, 1959 to March 1960 is 10 per cent.

**Unsold Handloom Goods in Andhra Pradesh**

1486. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock of unsold handloom goods in regard to co-operative Sector in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what steps Government has taken to dispose of this stock?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Development of Hilly Regions of Punjab**

1487. { **Shri Hem Raj:**  
**Shri Daljit Singh:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 48 on the 16th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Programme Adviser has since discussed the proposals for the development of hilly regions of the Punjab with the State Government;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the elected representatives of these regions have represented to the Planning Commission for setting up of a Special Development Council and setting apart of special funds for their development; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) Yes.

(b) The Adviser's report is under preparation.

(c) Yes.

(d) For 1960-61 separate financial provisions are being made for the development programmes of hilly areas. The proposal for the constitution of an Advisory Committee for the development of hilly areas is under study.

**Bhotiyas**

1488. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of the Indo-Tibetan Border Legislators' Association has sent a memorandum to Government detailing the difficulties of the 40,000 Bhotiyas who used to trade in Tibet formerly; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) and (b). A copy of the Memorandum, which is addressed to the U. P. Government, has recently been received by the Government of India. As is well-known, the Government of India have been giving substantial assistance for the development of the border areas. They have recently addressed the U. P. Government to consider measures to alleviate economic distress which may be caused amongst the border people as a result of the dislocation of the trade with Tibet.