

in the North think that the Pandits from the South do not pronounce as correctly as they do. Probably this difference of opinion will remain.

Patola WEAVING

*1571. **Shri Dabhi**: Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 847 on the 15th December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the provision of 1955-56 of Rs. 9,000/- for the revival of the art of *patola* weaving has since been utilised; and

(b) if so, in what manner has the money been utilised?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) The amount of Rs. 9,000 sanctioned during 1955-56 for the revival of the art of *patola* weaving has been paid to the Saurashtra State Khadi & Village Industries Board.

(b) The sum is being utilised for paying stipends to 5 trainees, for purchasing five hand-loom and for expenditure on rent and staff.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether any sum has been allotted during 1956?

Shri R. G. Dubey: The Saurashtra State Handloom Board has submitted a scheme the details of which are as follows: stipends to 5 trainees, rent of Rs. 50 per month.....

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): I am afraid we are not in a position to give the information as to whether any amount has been allotted for the current year.

AID TO NEPAL

*1572. **Shri D. C. Sharma**: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount paid so far by Government for the execution of the Nepal Development Plan; and

(b) the nature of technical aid given in this connection?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). The Government of India have so far paid Rs. 4,52,89,300 for the execution of Development projects in Nepal. The aid given by the Government of India has been two-fold;

(i) technical; and

(ii) economic.

Technical aid covers schemes relating to scholarships for Nepalese students and deputation of experts to Nepal, to advise on technical matters.

Economic Aid covers schemes like construction of roads, air-fields, execution of minor irrigation projects, trigonometrical and geological surveys, etc.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what kind of work is contemplated to be done in the Second Five year Plan so far as aid to Nepal is concerned?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I am unable to understand what the hon. Member is saying.

Mr. Speaker: Louder, please.

Shri D. C. Sharma: If a person is not willing to understand, how can I make him understand?

Mr. Speaker: Then, he need not pursue it.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I want to know whether the Minister could give some details about the mining operations that are going to be undertaken so far as aid to Nepal is concerned.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Not at this stage. We shall have to find out for answering that question.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

*1573. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi**: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any enquiry about the gap

between the installed capacity and the actual production in the textile industry; and

(b) if so, what is the present position?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the installed capacity of 12 million and odd spindles and a little over 2 lakhs looms of the cotton textile mills as on the 1st January 1956, about 1.64 million spindles and 19,000 looms are not in active working at present.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know the number of textile mills which are idle today and the reason for the same?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have not got the exact figures. Somewhere about 400. I can give the hon. Member the figure if he wants it.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: What steps does the Government propose to take to renovate the idle mills.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I said the total number of mills is 400. The idle mills were 20 at one time. It is just a little less now.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the Government has in mind something to do about increasing the installed capacity and actual production of textiles in the existing machinery?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: All these matters are constantly under review.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: What is the answer?

Mr. Speaker: Constantly under review.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know the number of mills taken over by the Government under the industries (Development and Regulation) Act for management?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: None at present.

MIGRATION OF MUSLIMS FROM EAST PAKISTAN

***1574. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many Muslims are entering India *via* Darsana-Banpur route from East Pakistan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): Passengers, both Muslim and Non-Muslim, use the Darsana Banpur route. A number of Muslims have come as passengers by this route. They are not considered as migrants.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how many Muslim migrants have come into India since January, 1956? May I know whether the number has increased?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We have no actual information in our possession of traffic of passengers using each of these routes. It is difficult to say.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): So far as migrants are concerned, migration certificates are only given to non-Muslims. No Muslim can get a migration certificate to come to India. He can, of course, come. Across the border individuals may come. But formally nobody can come. I do not think there is any considerable number.

Shri S. C. Samanta: I wanted to know whether with the increase of exodus of Hindus from East Bengal, the exodus of Muslims also has increased in these border areas.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No; there has been no appreciable increase.

PAKISTANIS DIGGING CHANNEL

***1577. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in 'Hindustan Times' dated