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## APPENDIX.

*Statement showing the action taken by the Government of India on the various recommendations of the Ninth Industries Conference held at Lahore on the 15th and 16th December 1937.*

Subject matter and recommendations.	Action taken.
<i>I.—Handloom Industry.</i>	
(a) Allotment of the grants-in-aid for the development of the handloom industry during 1938-39.	The following sums were allotted to the various provinces, etc., during 1938-39—
	Rs.
	Madras 68,800
	Bombay 39,000
	Bengal 96,000
	United Provinces 88,400
	Punjab 45,600
	Bihar 54,800
	Central Provinces and Berar 24,400
	Assam 24,400
	North West Frontier Province 5,400
	Sind 12,400
	Orissa 13,400
	Delhi 6,000
	Total 4,76,600
(b) Recommendation that the period during which the grants-in-aid for the development of the handloom industry is to be spent may be extended in the case of the United Provinces and Sind to the 31st March 1941 and 31st March 1942, respectively.	Accepted by the Government of India subject to certain conditions and orders issued on the 3rd May 1938.
(c) Grant of a sum of Rs. 40,000 to the Government of the Punjab for holding an All-India Hand-weaving Exhibition and Competition along with the All-India Exhibition of Arts and Industries, Punjab, at Lahore from December 1937 to January 1938. (Approved by a majority).	Sanctioned by the Government of India on the 18th January 1938.

\*Includes a non-recurring grant of Rs. 9,000 (Rs. 4,000 for the purchase of a hydro-extractor, a sewing machine and a hand trolley and Rs. 5,000 for the printing of an illustrated catalogue of handloom products in Bihar).

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(d) Scheme for financing the establishment of a Women's Co-operative Industrial Home in Calcutta out of the handloom grant allotted to Bengal. (Approved by a majority.)

Accepted by the Government of India and orders issued on the 18th January 1938.

(e) Competition between mills and handloom weavers—

The following three points were raised for the consideration of the Conference:—

- (i) difficulty regarding short feeling of yarn;
- (ii) duty on yarn linked with the question of an excise duty and reservations of certain counts of yarn for the handloom industry;
- (iii) grant for conducting research for the production of fancy and new types of yarn and for purchasing patents.

As regards (i) above, the majority opinion of the Conference was in favour of the matter being dealt with departmentally by the Government of India. The chairman stated that the matter would be investigated by the Government of India and that they would incorporate in the Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill any proper remedy suggested for the purpose.

As regards (i), the matter was referred to Mr. E. K. Nehru, I.C.S., Officer on Special Duty, Department of Commerce, who has dealt with the question in paragraph 27 of his report on certain proposals for the revision of the Merchandise Marks Law. This Report has been circulated to the Provincial Governments and through them to Commercial bodies for opinion.

With regard to the point at (ii) above, the chairman thought that the only feasible way of taking the matter up was to entrust it to the Tariff Board who would be charged with the question of determining the extent of the protection to be continued to the cotton textile industry and as part of their terms of reference they might be asked to look into the question of the

As regards (ii), the consideration of the question has been deferred till the conclusion of the Indo-British Trade Agreement and the settlement of the question whether there is to be a Tariff Board enquiry into the question of continuing protection to the cotton textile industry.

As regards (iii) it has been held that the proposal is not practicable as no money is available for the purpose.

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Action taken.

handloom industry. He, however, made it clear that he was giving no undertaking on behalf of the Government of India one way or the other, and further explained that Government were charged with the responsibility of safeguarding all aspects of the textile industry. The Conference did not specifically discuss the question at (iii) above.

*II.—Middle-class un-employment.*

(a) The development of schemes of apprenticeship—

The conclusion of the Conference was that the matter should be further discussed at the next Industries Conference when there would be further progress with experimental schemes and more matter for discussion.

The Provincial Governments were addressed by the Department of Labour on the 7th September 1938 and requested that any further progress or any fresh proposals in the matter should be communicated to the Government of India in the form of memoranda to be placed before the next Industries Conference. The memoranda received from the Provincial Governments have been circulated to the members of the next Industries Conference.

(b) Scheme for helping educated young men in starting small industries.

The conclusion of the Conference was that such administrations as had not already sent in their memoranda on this subject should be asked to send them which, when received, should be circulated to other Governments. It was not considered possible to do any thing more than to leave the question at that stage for the time being. The Conference also decided that the rates of interest charged on advances granted as State aid to industries and the question of the suitability of such rates should be referred to Provincial Governments.

The Provincial Governments concerned were addressed on the 7th May 1938. The memoranda received from them and the information regarding the rates of interest charged by the Provincial Governments on advances granted by them as State aid to industries were circulated to the Provincial Governments on the 21st December 1938.

Subject matter and recommendations.

Action taken.

III.—Publication of a handbook containing information regarding industrial and technical institutions in India including Indian States.

The proposal was withdrawn.

IV.—Minutes of the third meeting of the Imperial Sericultural Committee.

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

V.—Minutes of the second meeting of the Woolen Industry Committee.

The minutes were adopted unanimously.

VI.—Matters arising out of the proceedings of the third session of the Industrial Research Council.

A. Industrial surveys—

It was agreed that the matter should be put before the Provinces for consideration in the light of the points raised in the discussion.

B. Drawing up of a regular plan or programme for the establishment and development of industries of national or economic importance and inception of 'key' industries—

It was suggested that the Provinces should first be consulted and the necessary material obtained from them before giving the matter further consideration.

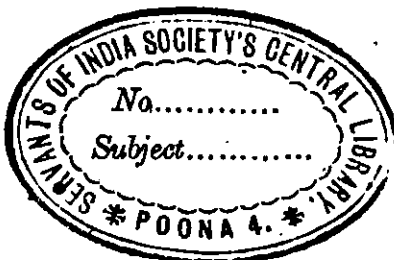
C. Industrial research—

It was suggested that the scope of the Industrial Research Bureau should be enlarged considerably, larger funds being placed at its disposal for industrial research. It was also suggested that in addition to co-ordination, the Bureau should initiate new schemes. The Chairman observed that the views expressed would be noted for consideration by the Government of India.

In letter No. 141-S. (7)/38, dated the 5th October 1938 the Provincial Governments were asked to furnish separate memoranda on each of these subjects to enable copies of them to be circulated to the members of the Tenth Industries Conference. This has since been done.

In view of the present financial outlook, it has not been possible to provide additional funds for the expansion of the activities of the Industrial Research Bureau.

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