

promote exports, there has been any increase in the matter of exports of medium and coarse cloth?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As far as the textile industry is concerned, as the House is aware, we are struggling even with the European Common Market in respect of the common external tariff which is likely to threaten our cloth trade very much. Again, several countries in the African and Asian continents to whom we were selling our textiles have set up their own textile mills, as this House is aware. But, in spite of that, I do believe that we will be able to retain the old market in the same quantity and perhaps we will exceed it also.

**Shri Tyagi:** May I know whether there are cases where the amount of bonus and other incentives given for export of the particular commodity come to a total of more than what that commodity earns as foreign exchange?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I do not know of any such commodity.

**Shri Tyagi:** Sugar.

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It does not come under that class.

#### Mica Mines Welfare Fund

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\*521. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**  
      **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
      **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
      **Shri Umanath:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been persistent demand from Mica Labour Welfare Unions and the mine owners that the benefits of the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund be extended to the factory labourers;

(b) whether the Bihar State Government and the Labour Advisory Board have also endorsed the demand; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to amend the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act?

**The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi):** (a) There have been some representations in this matter.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

**Shri Kunhan:** May I know whether the Government has received any request to raise the mica export from 2½ per cent to 4½ per cent to meet the growing expenditure on the expanding developmental activities of this Fund and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government?

**Shri Hathi:** It is not the intention of the Government to raise this at present.

**Shri Kunhan:** Is it a fact that the welfare activities under the Welfare Fund do not cover the employees working for mica export and, if so, will the Government consider the question of extending it to these employees?

**Shri Hathi:** It does not cover the mica workers.

**श्री कछवाय:** अन्नक मजदूर कल्याण निधि में कितनी रकम साल में आती है और उसे किस हिसाब से मजदूरों के कल्याण के लिए खर्च किया जाता है ?

**श्री हाथी :** २५ लाख रुपया आता है और इस साल ३४ लाख रुपये के खर्चे का अनुमान है । लेकिन अभी बैलेंस में २०६ लाख रुपया है ।

#### Implementation of Textile Wage Board Recommendations

\*522. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Textile Mills have not yet im-