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Tuesday, April 24, 1962/Vaisakha 4,
1884 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Satyanarayana (Parvathi-
puram).
2. Shri Dasaratha Deb (Tripura
East).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Non-ferrous Metals

*132. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested import of non-ferrous metals under collective arrangements by the trade associations which will save foreign exchange and facilitate better and efficient utilisation of foreign exchange resources and will assist the small sector in planning their production more efficiently; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No such suggestion has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

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श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई सजेशन आया है ? अगर ऐसा सजेशन आया है और उस को मान भी लिया जाये तो क्या कारेन एक्स्चेंज को कोई सेविंग होगी ?

श्री कानूनगो : सजेशन आये तो उस की जांच कर के कुछ कहा जा सकता है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सजेशन है ही नहीं तो मान क्या लिया जाये ?

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : चेम्बरस आफ कामर्स ने

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने तो नहीं भेजा, अगर मेम्बर साहब भेजना चाहें तो भेज दें ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैंने तो सवाल में ही भेज दिया है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जब आप भेजेंगे तो उस का वह जवाब भी दे देंगे ।

Next Question

Shri Himatsingka: Sir I want to put a question.

Mr. Speaker: On this? Yes.

Shri Himatsingka: Is the hon. Minister aware that certain machinery has been licensed to be imported for drawing of ferrous and non-ferrous wires and that they are not being supplied with the raw material?

Shri Kanungo: It is not only about this particular thing, but this is in over-all short supply.

Shri Jaganath Rao: May I know the existing arrangement for import of non-ferrous metals?

Shri Kanungo: It is imported by established importers who are tied to actual users and also by the State Trading Corporation which passes it on to small users.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: When will the country be self-sufficient in respect of non-ferrous metals?

Shri Kanungo: I suppose by the end of the Third Plan if the demand does not go up in the meantime.

Shri Hem Barua: May I request your guidance on a particular point? Yesterday when I wanted to put a question on the IAF men detained in Naga custody, you passed over to another question and you said that Members ..

Mr. Speaker: I have felt it myself, but I was looking towards this side and nobody stood up. It was subsequently discovered that there were some Members who had stood up on that side, and it was my fault that I had not seen them. But so far as my observation of yesterday is concerned, it stands.

Export of Pharmaceuticals

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*133. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to export pharmaceuticals to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) to which countries the pharmaceuticals will be exported?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (c). Pharmaceuticals are already

being exported to Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaya, Afghanistan, Canada USA, UK and some of the African countries.

(b) An Export Promotion Scheme is in force for pharmaceuticals, under which manufacturer-exporters are given additional import licences for raw materials on the basis of their export performance. Drawbacks of import and export duties are also permissible. There is also an Export Promotion Council which has taken various measures for promoting exports of Drugs and pharmaceuticals.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know . . .

Mr. Speaker: Shri Subodh Hansda. In the initial stage, I allow two questions to the sponsor.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether the State Trading Corporation export all these pharmaceuticals or whether they are exported through other agencies?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This is mostly through the exporters, not the STC.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the foreign exchange earned by the export of these pharmaceuticals?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The foreign exchange earning is round about a crore of rupees.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: What are the main pharmaceuticals that are being exported out of the country at the moment?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Some herbals and alkaloids and some sulphur drugs and various other preparations.

Shri Hanumanthiah: Is it possible to promote the export of Ayurvedic pharmaceuticals to other countries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Out of the one crore something goes to Malaya and Ceylon of ayurvedic pharmaceuticals medicines.