

निर्माण, प्राधान्य तथा संभरण उपसंबंधी (श्री अनिल कुं. चन्दा): (क) और (ख). इस विषय में प्रगति नहीं की जा सकी क्योंकि आवश्यक वित्तीय साधन युक्त सुझावों का प्रभाव है, जिसके कारण समिति ने अभी तक स्थायी सिफारिशें नहीं दी हैं।

(ग) संवाक पैदा ही नहीं होता

Manufacture of Gliders

*1617-A. { Shri Halder:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of Gliders manufactured in India is lower than that of the imported ones; and

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to manufacture these gliders and other spare parts on large scale in India?

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

(a) No, Sir. The indigenous make is slightly costlier.

(b) Productive capacity of gliders and spare parts of existing indigenous manufacturers is expected to meet the requirements of the country and the need for large scale manufacture is not foreseen at present.

Closure of Tea Estates in Assam

*1618. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of some tea estates in Assam have threatened to close them down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

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

(a) to (c). In March last the Assam Government informed us that 6 gardens were faced with closure due to financial difficulties.

We have information about the closure of one garden namely Son-thalia, with an area of 485 acres. Inquiries have been made from the Assam Government regarding the rest and their reply is awaited.

Government are trying to assess the dimensions of the problem by having details collected of all gardens which closed during the years 1957-58.

Handloom Industry

*1619. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the critical situation facing the handloom industry at present; and

(b) whether any representation has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government in this connection?

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

(a) As far as Government are aware, the handloom industry is not facing a critical situation at present.

(b) A representation urging relief to the Industry was received in May last from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

Import of Fumigants

*1620. Shri Manabendra Shah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of licences granted for the import of fumigants and pesticides during the last three years; and

(b) the policy followed in granting import licences for fumigants so as to safeguard foodgrains and agricultural products from being attacked by pests?

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

(a) A statement showing the value of licences issued for import of insecticides, fungicides and weedicides from 1955 to 1958 (upto March) is laid on