

Shri Kanungo: The terms are mostly five years' deferred payment. The payment will be in rupee in India to the account of the East German bank.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know the value of the automatic looms in terms of rupee?

Shri Kanungo: Most of it is for automatic looms. Now we have placed orders for goods worth Rs. 36.5 lakhs.

Shri Heda: In view of the fact that textile industry is one of our oldest industries in India, may I know what particular machinery for technological improvements have been imported and what are the details?

Shri Kanungo: For one thing, automatic looms are manufactured in the country. But the production is very low. Secondly, we have to get the machinery in those places as quickly as possible. Therefore, Government have allotted a certain proportion for indigenous manufacture and the rest for imports.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether the machinery proposed to be imported is for new mills or for running mills?

Shri Kanungo: These automatic looms are earmarked for specific purposes of export goods.

Shri Mahanty: It appears from the statement of the hon. Minister that orders have been placed for machinery worth about Rs. 36.5 lakhs and machinery worth about Rs. 1 crore has been ordered from East Germany. May I know how the Government propose to dispose of the balance portion of the machinery?

Shri Kanungo: The arrangements made for it will be forthcoming soon.

Shri Mahanty: May I know whether while allotting this machinery to the various units in India the question of regional disparity will be taken into consideration?

Shri Kanungo: There is no question of regional disparity here because the

automatic looms have been allotted to definite establishments and those imports are to serve those clientele.

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister has stated that out of the four mills, which import these machineries, one mill is at Tirupur. May I know how much worth of machineries have been imported for this mill and what is the nature of the machineries?

Shri Kanungo: As I said, they are automatic looms.

Indians in South Africa

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*1380. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians in South Africa, who have been evicted from Johannesburg, have been provided alternative accommodation; and

(b) if so, the nature of accommodation provided?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Two Indian group areas, Lenasia and a portion of the farm Rietfontein, about 22 miles from Johannesburg, where plots are available for purchase, have been set apart for occupation by the evicted persons.

(b) Details are not available.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the number of Indians involved in this eviction and if the alternative accommodation which is going to be provided is at a distance of 22 miles from Johannesburg, as has been stated by the Deputy Minister just now, how they will earn their livelihood there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The number of Indians involved in Johannesburg is 9,000. Regarding the question how they will earn their livelihood, I think they will have to start anew in the new places.

Mr. Speaker: Because they are uprooted and kept at a place 22 miles

away, he wants to know whether they will be given any help.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There are no proposals. The African Government may be doing something. We have not got the details.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the Government of India will take any steps through some competent authority like the United Nations etc. to see that the Indians, who are going to be uprooted from Johannesburg, are not at all evicted and, if they are evicted they are going to be settled at a place where they can easily earn their livelihood?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The Government of India has raised this item at the United Nations from time to time, and it will also be put on the supplementary agenda of the twelfth session of the U.N. which is to begin on the 17th September.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: What is the time that has been fixed within which the people of Indian origin in Johannesburg have been asked to vacate?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: In some cases two years, and in some other cases three years.

Praga Tools Corporation

*1381. **Shri Nagi Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Government of India from the Government of Andhra Pradesh proposing the transfer of Praga Tools Corporation to the National Industrial Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). It has been agreed in principle that the National Industrial Development Corporation should take over the management of the Praga Tools Corporation.

Shri Nagi Reddy: When was the proposal made and when is it going to be acted upon?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We have already taken possession of the management, and the Board now is headed by the Secretary of the Ministry.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether before the management was completely taken over by the Government of India there was any proposal to increase the productive capacity of the Praga Tools Corporation?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is precisely the purpose why we have taken over, and we intend to invest about Rs. 2 crores in the expansion programme.

Shri Heda: May I know whether the present arrangements, i.e., the recent arrangements, became necessary because the Andhra Pradesh Government asked for a loan for the expansion of the industry and that was refused by the Centre, or was it a straight offer from the Andhra Pradesh Government to the Centre to take it over?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The main reason was that this was a very good factory which was making continuous losses since the time of its inception, and when our experts inspected the machinery, they felt that it could be made much better use of, and the Andhra Government was also considering the matter on the same lines. So, they requested the Centre to take it over and improve and expand the production.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know the amount that has been spent during 1956-57 and 1957-58 on improvement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as the Centre is concerned, we have just taken it over, about three months back. It is our intention to invest Rs. 2-crores in the next two years and expand the machinery and the working capital.