

which we are obliged to import from Pakistan? Can't we have them in South India?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Apparently not, Sir.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether the hides and skins that we import from Pakistan are raw ones or tanned ones?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Raw ones, Sir.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether there is a crisis in the hides and skins industry, that is the tannery industry, in the South?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: My knowledge in regard to this position is perhaps about two months old. I was in Madras to open a Leather Research Institute on the 15th of January, and I was then told by all the people concerned that the industry is flourishing.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether there are reported cases of large scale unemployment in the towns of Dindigul, Trichonopoly, Coimbatore, etc. due to this crisis?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is no crisis admitted. Other hon. Members also were there recently. It was celebrated in a very grand fashion.

Shri Nambiar: I wanted to know....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is no good creating a crisis on the floor of the House!

Shri Nambiar: I wanted to know whether there is unemployment reported in the tannery industry; if so, whether the hon. Minister knows that in these towns which I have just now mentioned, such unemployment is reported and whether it has come to his notice?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question does not refer to tanneries. It refers to the import of hides and skins. If that industry is to flourish we must kill more cows and bulls in this country.

FILMS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS (PRODUCTION)

*683. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what are the steps taken so far by Government or otherwise to produce films and photographic materials in India with a view to achieve self-sufficiency?

(b) What is the number of factories and other institutions already established or likely to be established for this purpose?

(c) Where are they situated or going to be situated, giving in each case total outlay, capacity of production and the branches of production?

(d) Is any factory being set up near Mysore at Government level?

(e) If so, what is the basis of Government participation?

(f) What will be the total outlay and are any foreign firm or persons to be share-holders, or to work as experts?

(g) By what time is the scheme likely to materialise?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (g). No such factory has yet come into being.

A scheme involving a capital of Rs. 2 crores was approved by the Government in February, 1950, but it did not materialise for lack of funds.

A scheme has recently been put up by the Government of Mysore which is being scrutinised.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether a plant to produce camera carbons is under contemplation?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I would like to have notice.

Short Notice Question and Answer

BAN ON EXPORT OF SCRAP MICA

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

(a) whether the proposal for banning the export of scrap mica is still under the consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government have received any representation that the proposal would adversely affect a large number of small scale producers of scrap mica; and

(c) what is the decision of Government on this representation?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) Government do not propose to take any steps till their examination is complete.