

TEXTILE (EXPORTS)

*976. **Shri Kasliwal:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is losing her market in textiles in Hong Kong; and

(b) if so, why?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir. Our exports of textiles to Hong Kong for the first ten months of 1953 are in fact a little more than what they were for the corresponding period in 1952.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Kasliwal: Is it a fact that people in Hong Kong prefer long pieces to cut pieces which are being sent?

Shri Karmarkar: Normally it is long pieces.

Shri Kasliwal: My question was, I understand that exporters are sending only cut pieces instead of long pieces; is that true?

Shri Karmarkar: I do not think so, Sir.

Shri Raghavalah: May I know whether it is because of Hong Kong being a free port that India is losing her market for textile goods?

Shri Karmarkar: We are not losing the markets; on the other hand, we are gaining.

HYDERABAD SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS

*977. **Shri J. B. Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the fact that the management of Hyderabad Spinning and Weaving Mills have decided to close down the mills from the 1st December, 1953?

(b) Have the Government of Hyderabad State written to the Central

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Government to institute an enquiry into the causes of the closure?

(c) If so, what action has been taken by Government?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Although the mills have given notice of closure, I understand that it has not actually closed down yet.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government has been informed that the mills are an uneconomic unit and require extensive replacement and renovation of the machinery, and reconditioning of the buildings, and that the Government of Hyderabad should therefore find some one who would invest money in this mill to improve matters.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know who conducted that enquiry?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Departmentally, Sir.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether workers' representatives were met by the enquiring officer?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is not a judicial enquiry. The enquiry was conducted departmentally.

TRANSPORT AND MARKETING FACILITIES

*978. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news under the caption "Orissa Mine-owners' Difficulties" published in the *Hindustan Times* of Thursday the 19th November, 1953 on page 9 in column 5 in the matter of transport and marketing facilities; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to do anything in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes. There was a news item to this effect.

(b) This news item apparently refers to the movement and export of Iron