

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to counteract the same?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) No, Sir, not to our knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: Is the Government's information based on investigation?

Dr. Keskar: Yes, Sir.

GOVERNMENT HOUSING FACTORY

*463. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to place a report of the working of the Government Housing Factory, with figures regarding the total money invested in it, the losses incurred, etc.; and

(b) who were responsible for the losses, if any, incurred to the State's finance with regard to the Housing Factory and what action, if any, was taken in the matter?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A short report of the working of the Factory with a statement of expenditure incurred on the factory upto 30th April 1952 is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No. 14.]

(b) The fact of an absolute loss has not yet been established definitely, as utilising the Factory for the production of pre-fabricated houses of a type different from the one originally contemplated is under the active consideration of Government.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: What were the terms of the contract with Messrs. Engineers of India, and when they failed to fulfil their contract, what steps were taken against them?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I cannot go into all the details, but necessary steps have been taken in this behalf; it is too early to say as to what final steps will be taken by the Government.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: Was any compensation demanded from them?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I should like to have notice to give further details in this regard.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know if any further advances have been made to the Indo-Swedish firm by the Government of India?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No, Sir.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: What is the meaning of "the fact of an absolute loss has not yet been established definitely"?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The anticipated loss, as the statement shows, is about Rs. 19 lakhs, but we cannot at this stage declare that it is an absolute loss, as we have got proposals to utilise this factory for different purposes. And what may be considered to be a loss now might not turn out to be a loss ultimately.

खादी-उत्पादन

*४६४. श्री आर एस्० तिवारी:
क्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या खादी का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कोई योजना तैयार की है या उस पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) क्या गत वर्ष सरकार ने अन्य मंत्रालयों को खादी का उपयोग बढ़ाने के बारे में आदेश दिये थे;

(ग) यदि दिये थे, तो क्या खादी के उपयोग में कुछ वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि वृद्धि हुई है तो कितनी?

Khadi PRODUCTION

[*464. **Shri R. S. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have prepared or are considering any scheme for increasing the production of Khadi;

(b) whether Government issued orders to other Ministries last year regarding the increasing use of Khadi;

(c) if so, whether there has been any increase in the use of Khadi; and

(d) if so, what is the quantum of such increase?]

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Certain State Governments have initiated schemes for development of Khadi. The Central Government's interest in Khadi development is

dovetailed with schemes for the development of Cottage Industries and handicrafts and in this connection, the Central Government are examining various proposals for the encouragement and the consequent increase in the production of *khadi*.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

In addition to the written reply I gave to part (a), I should also state that during 1951-52 we made a token grant of Rs. 2 lakhs for the development of *khadi* and placed it at the disposal of the *khadi* organisations.

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : इस के अनुसार सरकार ने कितना खर्च किया है ?

[Shri R. S. Tiwari: How much have the Government spent on it accordingly?]

श्री करमरकर : मैं ने अभी कहा कि गये वर्ष में दो लाख रुपया अखिल भारतीय चर्खा संघ के डिस्पोजल पर रखा था ताकि खादी को प्रोत्साहन मिले ।

[Shri Karmarkar: I have just now stated that a sum of rupees two lakhs was kept at the disposal of the All India Spinners' Association for encouraging *khadi*.

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : क्या सरकार ने इस योजना के अन्तर्गत स्वयं खादी की खरीद की है ?

[Shri R. S. Tiwari: Have the Government themselves purchased any *khadi* under this plan?]

श्री करमरकर : मैं जानता हूँ कि टैक्सटाइल कमिश्नर के मार्फत कुछ खरीदी गई है । ये फ्रीगर्स हैं :

[Shri Karmarkar: I am told that some *Khadi* has been purchased through the Textile Commissioner. These are the figures:]

In 1950-51 *khadi* worth Rs. 60,277.

In 1951-52 *khadi* worth Rs. 67,287.

I understand further that the Railway Ministry have also issued

instructions to all railways to accept *khadi* as far as possible to meet their requirements of cloth.

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या सरकार के ध्यान में यह बात लाई गई है कि खादी का उत्पादन बहुत बढ़ गया है और बिक्री कम होती है इस वजह से काम में बाधा पड़ने वाली है ?

[Shri S. N. Das: Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that the production of *khadi* has increased tremendously and the demand for it has fallen which may prove detrimental to the interests of the industry?]

श्री करमरकर : समझा नहीं ।

[Shri Karmarkar: I have not followed.]

श्री एस० एन० दास : मेरा यह मतलब है कि क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि खादी का उत्पादन बहुत हो जाने के कारण से और उस की खपत या बिक्री कम होने से खादी के काम में बाधा पड़ती है ?

[Shri S. N. Das: What I mean to say is whether the Government are aware of the fact that the cause of *khadi* suffers by its increasing production and decreasing demand.]

श्री करमरकर : सरकार यह जानती है कि खादी की पैदावार ज्यादा होने लगी है और उस की खपत कम है । इस बारे में सरकार जो कर सकती है वह करने की कोशिश करेगी ।

[Shri Karmarkar: The Government are alive to the situation that the production of *khadi* has increased while the demand for it has fallen. They would try to do whatever they possibly can in this connection.]

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि केन्द्रीय सरकार इस बात के लिये विचार रखती है कि जो उस के अपने काम हैं उस में खादी का इस्तेमाल किया जाय ?

[Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the Central Government are contemplating the use of Khadi for their own purposes?]

Mr. Speaker: It is more or less a suggestion for action—he wants that Government should purchase khadi for their purposes.

सेठ अचल सिंह: क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो २ लाख की सहायता दी गई है उस से कितनी खादी खादी बनी है ?

[Seth Achal Singh: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state how far production of Khadi has been increased as a result of the Government grant of rupees two lakhs?]

श्री करमरकर: उस रकम को दिये हुये तो अभी कुछ ही महीने हुए हैं।

[Shri Karmarkar: Only a few months have passed since this amount was actually given.]

श्री जांगड़े: क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि अखिल भारतीय चर्खा संघ को रुई लेने में सरकार ने कोई सहूलियत नहीं दी जिस के कारण गत वर्ष खादी उत्पादन में बहुत कमी हुई ?

[Shri Jangde: Will the hon. Minister please state whether it is a fact that the Government did not give any facilities to the All India Spinners' Association in the matter of the purchase of cotton, with the result that there was a substantive decrease in production of Khadi?]

Shri Karmarkar: No, Sir. I repudiate that suggestion. In fact, where there was any complaint from any khadi-producing centre about relief in respect of transport of cotton we were very heartily helping them.

सेठ गोबिंद लाल: माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी कहा कि सरकार को यह बात मालूम है कि खादी की बिक्री कम हो गई है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस सिलसिले में सरकार के जितने महकमे हैं उन सब में खादी खरीदने में क्या दिक्कत होती है ?

[Seth Govind Das: The hon. Minister has just now stated that the Government are aware that demand for Khadi has fallen I would like to know the difficulty that the Government have to encounter in using Khadi in the various Departments?]

Mr. Speaker: That very question was put earlier and I overruled it as being a suggestion for action—this one is also an argument.

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी: खादी की तरक्की के लिये सरकार ने क्या कोई कोशिश की है ?

[Shri R. S. Tiwari: What steps Government have taken for the development of Khadi?]

Shri Karmarkar: I want notice.

लवंग (आयात)

४६५. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी: क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे:

(क) विदेशों से भारत में आयात की जाने वाली लवंग की मात्रा ; और

(ख) क्या लवंग के बदले में कोई विशेष पदार्थ निर्यात करने होते हैं ?

CLOVES (IMPORT)

[*465. Shri R. S. Tiwari: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cloves imported in India from foreign countries; and

(b) whether any specific goods are required to be exported in exchange for the cloves?]

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) During the year 1951-52, 84,018 cwts. of Cloves were imported into India.

(b) Goods are not exported specifically in exchange for Cloves imported into this Country.