

for financial assistance to encourage the formation of industrial Co-operatives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount so far granted in this connection?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 29].

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*१७२५. श्री ह० रा० नन्पाली : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यह सच है कि राजस्थान के भीलवाड़ा जिले में यूरनियम के निक्षेप पाये गये हैं; और

(ख). यदि हाँ, तो उमे निकालने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा शैक्षिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) तथा (ख). वर्ष १९५१-५२ के दौरान में राजस्थान के भीलवाड़ा जिले में समरस्काईट जोकि एक यूरनियम अयस्क है, के कुछ खखीरों पर काम किया गया और उनमें से निकली हुई अयस्क को सरकार ने खरीद लिया। यह खखीरे छोटे थे अतः अल्पी अल्प हो गये। इस इलाके से अन्य खखीरों के पाये जाने की कोई सूचना नहीं मिली।

Sealing of Looms in Jute Mills

*1796. { Shri Bansal :
Shri Tushar Chatterjee :

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

(a) whether 12½ per cent. of the total 4000 of jute mills had remained sealed since May, 1949 ;

(b) whether 12½ per cent. of looms were unsealed on the 9th January, 1956 and further 5 per cent. on 20th February, 1956, leaving only 5 per cent. looms still out of use ;

(c) whether the jute mills have again sealed 2½ per cent. of the looms since the 16th July, 1956 ;

(d) whether the mills have also decided to seal 5 per cent. of the looms from the 17th September, 1956 ; and

(e) The factors responsible for the decision to reverse the tendency of augmenting production by sealing the looms and whether Government were consulted in the matter ?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a), (c) and (d), Yes, Sir.

(b) Reply is in the affirmative, except that 2½ per cent and not 12½ per cent. were unsealed on the 9th January, 1956.

(e) Factors responsible for the decision of the Indian Jute Mills Association to re-seal their looms were increased production of jute-goods during January-June, 1956, with no proportionate increase in exports, which has resulted in accumulation of stocks and fall in the prices of jute goods to uneconomic level. The Government have been consulted in the matter.

Khadi-Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi

*1797. { Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state how much amount has been spent by Khadi-Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi for the preparation of furniture at the time of opening of the emporium ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey) : A sum of Rs. 59,176 was spent on furniture and fixtures.

Government Loans to Private Concerns

*1799. Shri Sinhasan Singh : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any loan to the tune of Rs. 2½ Crores and 3 Crores respectively to certain private concerns in India ;

(b) if so, to whom ;

(c) the purpose for which the loan has been granted and the terms thereof ;