

Tanning Institutes

*1910. { Dr. Rama Rao:
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Tanning Institutes in the country;

(b) if so, how many and where; and

(c) the estimated expenditure and capacity?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) There is no such proposal at present by the Central Government.

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

Dr. Rama Rao: In view of our large exports of hides, skins and some leather, why should not the Government start a tanning institute to encourage this industry?

Shri Kanungo: There is a leather research institute in Madras which conducts research on various aspects of the leather industry including tanning. There are also other institutes run by the State Governments, but the Central Government as such has no intention at present to open any such institute.

Dr. Rama Rao: The Central Government has got a huge programme for cottage industries. In areas like Andhra and Hyderabad where large amounts of hides and skins are exported and where there is a large amount of unemployment of workers in this industry particularly, why should not the cottage industries department take this up? What prevents them from taking this up?

Shri Kanungo: There are various programmes of organising the production and sale of tanned goods in various States and such programmes are also helped by the Central Government. The question of starting institutes as such is not necessary, because several State Governments have done it and the other State Governments can also do it.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the Central Government is thinking of taking over all the industrial training institutes, formerly run by the Labour Department, under its supervision so as to give a fillip to the cottage industries?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir.

Shri N. R. Muniswamy: May I know whether Government propose to give subsidy to any of the private institutions, in case they start such an institute?

Shri Kanungo: There are enough institutes which will serve the purpose. If any State Governments want to start an institute, they can do it and the capital expenditure to a certain extent is shared by the Central Government.

Dr. Rama Rao: While the manufacture of goods can be carried on as a cottage industry, high quality tanned leather is not available to the small producer. So, is it not the duty of the Government to provide high quality tanned leather?

Shri Kanungo: High quality leather is available. It may not be available in a particular area to a particular person but that is a problem of marketing and distribution, which has to be looked after by the various schemes sponsored by the State Government.

Oil from Cashewnut Shells

*1911. Shri Mohana Rao: Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Travancore Cochin State for setting up an industry for the manufacture of oil from Cashewnut shells; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Mohana Rao: What is the potential capacity and how much is being produced at present?

Shri Kanungo: The estimated capacity is something like 5,000 and odd tons and the production in 1955 is estimated at 4,455 tons or a little more or less. The basic fact is that the total requirements of cashew is not met from indigenous sources; bulk of it is imported.

Shri Mohana Rao: In view of the great unemployment in the State, may I know the reason for not developing this industry?

Shri Kanungo: The unemployment is due to non-availability of raw material from indigenous sources.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the Andhra State have made a request for a proposal for establishing an industry like this in Andhra, the second largest area in cashew?

Shri Kanungo: No.