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Wednesday, 19th March, 1958

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

D.V.C. Irrigation Canal

*1052. **Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the D.V.C. Irrigation canal between Damodar and Hugli near Tribeni into inland water transport channel; and

(b) the total cost involved in this project?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The Left Bank Main Canal of the irrigation system, taking off from the head-works at Durgapur has been designed as an irrigation-cum-navigation canal. Though the main purpose of this canal is to serve the irrigation needs of the area, advantage has been taken to make the canal useful for navigation also without much additional capital outlay.

(b) The total anticipated cost involved in providing ancillary works to utilise the canal for navigation purposes is roughly Rs. 4.4 crores.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know what will be the total tonnage of transshipment in this canal and what will be the length of this canal?

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Shri S. K. Patil: The length of the canal is 85 miles of which about 53 miles will be navigable. The total tonnage will be 2 million every year.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know if there is any other proposal of the irrigational canals of D.V.C. in Bihar to be made navigable for inland water transport?

Shri S. K. Patil: Not for the time being; there does not seem to be any possibility of it.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know how much of this navigable canal has already been done and within what time the whole of the 85 miles will be completed?

Shri S. K. Patil: If the hon. Member wants how much has been done, I am sorry I cannot give the answer just now; I have not got it. But it will come into commission sometime at the end of this year.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know if any portion has been thrown open for inland water transport?

Shri S. K. Patil: That will be according to this answer, 53 miles. But whether anything has been done just now, I have no knowledge.

Shri Goray: What is the width and depth of this canal?

Shri S. K. Patil: The width of this canal at some portions in the beginning is 172 feet at the head and it comes down to 60 feet as it goes on tapering off. If the hon. Member wants the depth, it is 8 feet and any country craft with 6 feet draught can navigate.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know how many acres of land will be brought under irrigation?

Shri S. K. Patil: This question has often been replied to. I think the total is somewhere about 1 million acres, but I have no figures with me just now, because that was not the main question.

Shri Jaipal Singh: May I know how many irrigation canals are there in Bihar and what is the total potential acreage for irrigation purposes?

Mr. Speaker: Under the D.V.C. or generally?

Shri Jaipal Singh: By the D.V.C. canal at Durgapur only Bengal is going to benefit.

Mr. Speaker: The D.V.C. canal does not benefit any portion of Bihar?

Shri Jaipal Singh: You know only too well, Sir, that in the debates we had been asking why what was first planned was converted into something else.....

Shri S. K. Patil: The other questions do not arise just now. There is no immediate proposal to have any canals for irrigation. We are trying to see if our reservoirs in Bihar could be better utilised by having some irrigation facilities as well.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: With the proposal for D.V.C., there was a proposal that an irrigation canal will be provided for Bihar. May I know why this has been changed? What are the main difficulties?

Shri S. K. Patil: It has not been changed, because we are trying and the State Government has been trying hard to find some kind of irrigation facility which is not in expenditure out of proportion. Just now one or two schemes that were placed are so out of proportion in expenditure that it was thought that it was not a feasible proposition to have irrigation at that very high cost.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister has said that Rs. 4 crores will be needed for the excavation of this inland water channel, may I know whether this money is going to be

given from the Central Government as a grant or whether it will be loaded as a loan against West Bengal?

Shri S. K. Patil: This is controlled by the Corporation under a special Act. If the Bengal Government, as the hon. Member says, is to be loaded with it, it will also get the benefit of Rs. 30 lakhs annual income that it will produce.

द्विभाषी टेलीप्रिन्टर

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*१०५३. { श्री भक्त बर्षन :
श्री स० च० सामन्त :
डा० राम सुभग सिंह :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री ३ दिसम्बर १९५७ के तारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ७२७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस बीच अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी के द्विभाषी टेलीप्रिन्टर की उपयोगिता की जांच कर ली गयी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या निर्णय किये गये हैं, और

(ग) यदि प्रश्न के उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो कब तक अन्तिम निर्णय किये जाने की आशा है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) अभी तक जांच पूरी नहीं हुई है।

(ख) अभी तक कोई अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) लगभग दो महीनों में।

श्री भक्त बर्षन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस टेलीप्रिन्टर की जांच करते समय शासन की ओर से इस बात पर भी ध्यान दिया जाएगा कि इस समय जो पांच यूनिट कोड का टेलीप्रिन्टर जारी है, उसके

द्वारा देवनागरी लिपि की जितनी भी भाषाओं और दूसरे अक्षर हैं, उनको पूरी तरह से ध्वनि नहीं किया जा सकता है और यदि छः यूनिट कोड का टेलीप्रिन्टर जारी किया गया तो अधिक सुविधा होगी ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जिन विषयों की जांच हो रही है, उन में से एक मुख्य विषय यह भी है कि पांच यूनिट कोड के बजाय छः यूनिट कोड का टेलीप्रिन्टर प्रयोग में लाया जाय ।

श्री जोकिम ब्राह्मण : हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टर बनाने में कौन सी तकलीफ का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, क्या यह मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टर बनाने में तकलीफ यही है कि हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टर बनाने का जो कारखाना है वह अभी स्थापित करना है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि द्विभाषी टेलीप्रिन्टर जो है उसकी क्या कीमत जापानी फर्म ने बताई है और क्या यह सूचित किया है कि अगर बड़ी संख्या में उसको लिया जाएगा तो उसकी कीमत भी घटाई जा सकती है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : क्यों कि अभी यह तय नहीं किया गया है कि उसे लेना है या नहीं लेना है, और अगर लेना है तो किस किस संख्या में, इसलिए कीमत का सवाल अभी देरी में तय होगा । अभी तक यह भी तय करना है कि जहां तक इंजीनियरिंग या जो ट्रेफिक होता है, उन दोनों के मामले में यह मशीन कहां तक पार उतरती है ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि जो दो टेलीप्रिन्टर, एक यहां और दूसरा बम्बई में, चालू किये गए हैं, इन दोनों जगहों से संवाद अच्छी तरह से भेजे जा रहे हैं ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जी हां, दो मशीनें हैं एक बम्बई में और दूसरी दिल्ली में रखी गई हैं और दोनों के ऊपर इसके परीक्षण हो रहे हैं और अभी तक तो यह कहा जा सकता है कि वे संतोषप्रद हैं ।

श्री स० चं० सामन्त : द्विभाषी टेलीप्रिन्टर के बारे में कितने प्रस्ताव गवर्न-मेंट के पास आए हैं और क्या कलकत्ता से भी कोई आया है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : अगर प्रस्ताव का अर्थ मांग से है तो कितनी मांग इनके बारे में है, इसका पता लगाने में देरी लगेगी ।

श्री हैडा : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय के कहने का तात्पर्य यह है कि जिस जापानी फर्म ने उनके पास अपनी यह जसारी स्कीम भेजी है, उसने कीमत का कोई भंदाजा नहीं दिया है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : कीमत का भंदाजा इस समय मेरे पास नहीं है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि विभाग के कौन कौन से विशेषज्ञ इसके बारे में जांच कर रहे हैं और क्या इस बात का प्रयत्न किया जाएगा कि संसद् सदस्यों को भी इन दोनों प्रकार के टेलीप्रिन्टरों को देखने का मौका मिले ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जहां तक विशेषज्ञों के नामों का सम्बन्ध है, उनके नाम हैं : श्री एस० के० कांजीलाल, डिप्टी डायरेक्टर जनरल ट्रेफिक,

श्री वामुदेवन, जो डायरेक्टर हैं, टेलीकम्युनिकेशन रिसर्च सेंटर के,

श्री एस० एम० अग्रवाल, जो डायरेक्टर आफ टेलीफोन हैं,

श्री जी० बी० मैनन तथा श्री भटनागर आफ दी रिसर्च ब्रांच ।

मुख्य मुख्य बातें जिन पर वे विचार करेंगे वे ये हैं कि कितना सर्चा इस पर लगेगा, किस प्रकार की इसकी स्पीड होगी, अगर एक फैक्ट्री बनाई जाए तो उत्पादन में क्या व्यय होगा और जो वर्तमान में मशीनें इस्तेमाल हो रही हैं उनका भन्त में क्या किया जाएगा। जहां तक भन्तदोषीय संचार व्यवस्था का सम्बन्ध है, उसमें पांच यूनिट कोड का प्रयोग किया जाए या छः यूनिट कोड का। ये पांच छः बातें हैं जिनकी इन विशेषज्ञों ने जांच करनी है और वे कर रहे हैं।

Enquiry into Air Crash at Dum Dum

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*1054. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:
Shri H. N. Makerjee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 893 on the 6th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the report submitted by the Inquiry Committee appointed to enquire into the death of four members of the crew of an Indian Airlines Corporation freighter Dakota which met with an accident at the Dum Dum airport on the 1st September, 1957; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take on it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The Report of the Court of Enquiry is still under examination.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know who the members of this court of inquiry were and whether any public man was associated with it.

Shri Humayun Kabir: There was only one High Court judge who constituted the court of inquiry.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Is it a fact that the young widows and the children of these unfortunate victims have not up till now received compensation on the basis of the findings of the court of inquiry?

Shri Humayun Kabir: That is not a fact. Compensation has been paid to three out of the four members. In the case of the fourth member, compensation has not been paid, as no heirs have appeared with any succession certificate.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is it true that between the Dum Dum and the NEFA area the highest number of air accidents has taken place, and if so, have Government gone into the matter to see that these accidents are not repeated hereafter?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This is an entirely different question, but if you ask me, I shall try to answer it.

Mr. Speaker: No.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In view of the fact that this report has been finalised many months ago, and also in view of the fact that the court of inquiry, as far as we have come to know, has found the Hermes's pilot at fault, may I know what the reason for the delay is?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I think both the suggestions of the hon. Member are slightly inaccurate. The report was submitted on 8th October, 1957. There was one technical point on which there was a difference of opinion as to what exactly constituted simultaneous use of parallel runways in an airport, and for this, certain reference had to be made to our representative in the ICAO. I can tell the hon. Member that the final stages have been reached, and perhaps, before the week is out, Government will have to take a decision on the finding of the court. But even then it cannot be released as another Government is concerned; and the practice always is that when Government have accepted the findings, they consult the other Government, and then a date is fixed when the report is simultaneously published.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether any date has been fixed for the publication of the report, and whether the other Government have submitted their conclusion on this report?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Perhaps, the hon. Member did not hear my reply. I have just replied to that question.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Are we to understand that the ICAO regulations do not clearly and expressly indicate the parallel runway utilisation?

Shri Humayun Kabir: That was the suggestion at first. But now we have arrived at a decision.....

Shri Jaipal Singh: My question was whether the ICAO regulations did not provide for this.

Shri Humayun Kabir: The hon. Member has knowledge of aviation, and he knows that in these matters the decision has to be taken by Government, not by the ICAO.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether the report of the court of inquiry has been accepted both by our Government and by the other Government concerned, and whether the rate of compensation which has been paid preliminarily will be raised according to the findings?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The compensation has been paid according to the rules which have been laid down by the IAC. After we have taken a decision on the report, if it is accepted also by the U.K. Government, the question will be reviewed.

Kandla Air Port

*1055. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to install navigational aids at Kandla Air-port; and

(b) whether the air-strip would be ready to receive Dakotas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Humayun Kabir**): (a) Building for the wireless station is under construction and new tele-communications equipment has been procured and kept ready for despatch to Kandla. The installation of the equipment can be completed on a fortnight's notice as soon as a decision is taken regarding the operation of a service at Kandla.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know the total cost involved?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The revised estimate for the Air-port is Rs. 17.29 lakhs.

Shri Jaipal Singh: In view of the fact that Dakotas have one day or the other to be matters of the past, and the future aircraft, whatever the replacement might be, will have to be of a bigger order requiring longer runways, may I know whether, when new air-strips are coming into operation, Government are making allowance for this development?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It is true that bigger runways will be required in the bigger air-ports, but we also have to have smaller air-ports where it is not expected that very big aeroplanes will be used.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Are we to understand that Kandala Air-port will always be a minor air-port?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The runway at Kandla air-port is 5,000 feet long, and we expect that with the improvements in the engine performance of aeroplanes, in future very much larger planes can take off or land in 5,000 feet.

Whistle Boards at Railway Level Crossings

*1056. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the position with regard to the proposal for having whistle boards on all unmanned level-crossings?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): The work of

provision of whistle boards at all unmanned level-crossings, as recommended by the Accident Reviewing Committee, is being carried out by the railways on a programmed basis.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know the expenditure that will be involved in carrying out this plan throughout the country?

Shri. Shahnawaz Khan: I shall require separate notice.

Shri Thirumala Rao: May I know how long it will take to man all these level-crossings, and what the phase of the plan is and over how many years it is spread?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: All the level-crossings do not have to be manned; level-crossings are manned where it is necessary.

Shri Thirumala Rao: The Deputy Minister just now stated that whistle boards were going to be provided at all unmanned level-crossings. May I know the period of time over which the plan is being phased, and by what time the plan will be completed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The question is one of provision of whistle boards, that is, wooden boards with the word 'Whistle' in big letters written on it. That is progressing very rapidly, and we hope that in the course of the next few months all unmanned level-crossings will have whistle boards.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know how many unmanned level-crossings have so far been provided with those boards?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Very nearly 5,000.

Railway Employees under suspension

*1957. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 943 on the 17th August, 1957 regarding suspension of employees under the Railway Services

(Safeguarding of National Security) Rules and state:

(a) whether the review of 52 cases of suspension of Railway employees has since been completed; and

(b) if so, how many of them have been re-instated?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The review has been completed in 5 cases and is progressing in the remaining cases.

(b) One.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know the reason for the delay, because the whole thing has been hanging fire for well over nine years now?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The reasons for the delay are perhaps very well known to my hon. friends. Some of these cases were referred to various law courts, and certain High Courts gave certain judgments, and we had to conform to those judgments. That is the reason why there has been some delay. But as the Minister promised here in the House, the cases are being reviewed very rapidly and we hope that in the course of the next few months, we shall have finalised all these cases.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Out of the five cases where final decision has been taken, one has been reinstated. May I know the nature of decision arrived at in regard to the other four?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Termination of services.

Shri Tangamani: As regards these 52 cases, most of them are cases pending from 1948, and most of them were also cases in the ex-S.I.R. The Deputy Minister stated that there was delay because of certain proceedings in the law courts. May I know whether there are cases which are delayed because of these law courts, and if so, how many cases there are of that nature out of these 52?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Since there are 52 cases, it will take too long for me to give out every single detail of every single case. Out of 52 cases, 5 have been dealt with; about 30 cases are now under review, and we hope that we shall be able to take a decision very soon. That leaves about 17 other cases, and those have to be finalised by the Board.

Shri Tangamani: May I know when the cases of these 30 workers will be finalised?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We have finalised those cases in the Railway Ministry, and they have been sent to the Home Ministry for their final okay.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: In view of the fact that these are extraordinary cases, and these persons are eligible only for one-fourth of their wages as subsistence allowance, and also in view of the fact that they have been under suspension for a long time, may I know whether Government propose to increase the quantum of subsistence allowance?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No, we shall have to abide by the existing rules.

Purchase of Ships from Japan

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*1058. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to buy ships from Japan;

(b) if so, the tonnage of ships to be purchased from there; and

(c) the terms on which this purchase has been finalised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The tonnage of ships to be purchased and the terms of purchase have not yet been finalised.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether any negotiations in this regard are going on at present, and to what extent the purchase of ships from Japan will meet the tonnage requirements of the country at present?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Out of the yen credit that may be available as a result of this deal, we hope that we shall be able to get three ships, and may be, by future negotiations and the talks which are going on, we may be able to acquire some more ships.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know what are the indications of prices of the Japanese ships and what are the indications about the possible delivery time?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said, the overall cost for the three ships may be about £3 million. As regards delivery time, I think they will be delivered by next year.

Shri Ranga: Would there be considerable difference in the price that we would have to pay for the Japanese ships when compared with the price of any ships that we might have to purchase from Europe?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think there is going to be much difference in that.

Shri Ranga: Then what is the special advantage? Is it because that we are finding it difficult to get ships from Europe that we are buying from Japan or is it because that there is any special advantage in purchasing them from Japan?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The evident advantage is the yen credit.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. Member want the Government as a matter of policy only to go to the west and not to the east?

Shri Ranga: No, no. What is the special advantage?

Mr. Speaker: There is no advantage.

Shri Ranga: If it is not equal, it is better.

Mr. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members must have some point in view when asking questions. What is it that they expect Government to do? To leave out Japan and go only to the west?

Shri Yajnik: What is the total tonnage of these ships?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The total tonnage has to be decided after we get to know the requirements and the type of vessels that we could get.

Shri Yajnik: How can the terms of purchase be discussed unless they know the total tonnage they are buying from Japan?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have to buy a tanker, we have to buy a cargo ship and, if possible, we have to buy a cargo-passenger ship. But what the tonnage will be will depend upon the terms and the requirements of the companies or of the corporations who may like to acquire ships in this connection.

*1059. Omitted.

Defective Construction of Ships at Hindustan Shipyard

*1060. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that three more vessels V.C. 137, V.C. 139 and V.C. 142 built by Hindustan Shipyard have been found defective?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No defectives have so far been found in the vessels referred to in the question.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि चूंकि भ्रष्टचारों में यह बात बहुत जोरों से आई है कि जो तीनों शिप्स तैयार हुए हैं वे ठीक नहीं हैं, क्या आप के द्वारा इस के सम्बन्ध में कोई इन्क्वारी होगी ?

श्री राज बहादुर : तैयार हुए हैं ? मैं तो समझता हूँ कि हो रहे हैं। उन के बारे में जो उन का बेसिक प्लान होता है

वह तैयार किया गया, बकिंग प्लान तैयार किया गया। फिर उन की जांच हुई। जांच करने के बाद जो कुछ भी उन का परीक्षण या उस से मालूम पड़ा कि वे पूर्णतया स्टेबल होंगे। फिर भी बिल्कुल टेक्निकल टर्म में, थ्योरेटिकल वे में कहा जा सकता है कि जी० एम० अर्थात् ग्रेविटी ऐंड मेटासेंट्रिक हाइट में कुछ अन्तर हो सकता है। उस के बारे में भी यह तय हो चुका है कि इन जहाजों में किसी प्रकार का दोष आने वाला नहीं है।

Shri Goray: Are these ships being built under the supervision of the French experts?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So long as the French experts are there, of course, we consult them and get their advice.

Shri Goray: Is it not a fact that the same French experts advised us in connection with Andamans and we found that Andamans was rather defective or faulty?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Inquiry into Andamans has taken place. I may also inform the hon. Member and the House that with these consultants, we have already constructed as many as 10 ships which are plying on the seas. Just because some defect was found in one ship, it does not mean that all the ships have the same defect, especially in view of the fact that 10 ships have already been constructed with their consultation and under their direct supervision, and these ships are now plying.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: When are these ships proposed to be launched?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I will have to ask for notice, because they are in their preliminary stages.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इसके बारे में आपने कहा था कि इन्क्वारी हो गई है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन्क्वारी रिपोर्ट आई या नहीं।

श्री राज बहादुर : एम्बायरी रिपोर्ट
मा गई है।

Strike by Calcutta Dock Workers

*1061. Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:
Will the Minister of Transport and
Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how the strike by Calcutta Dock
workers in January, 1958 had affected
the loading and unloading and other
ancillary work at the Calcutta Port;

(b) whether any demurrage had
to be paid to the shipping company
for failure to unload within the stipu-
lated time; and

(c) if so, what is the amount so
paid?

The Minister of State in the Minis-
try of Transport and Communications
(Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) During the
period of the strike it was possible to
carry out loading and unloading opera-
tions in the port only on a limited scale
and this resulted in detention to both
import and export vessels.

(b) and (c). The time lost during
the strike is not counted as "lay time"
for chartered vessels, and so no demur-
rage charges were payable.

Shri Muhammed Elias: What was
the reason for the strike? Have any
demands by the workers been placed
before Government? How was the
strike ended?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Certain demands
were made. I believe I need not go
into details. Otherwise, the answer
will be too lengthy. At the interven-
tion of the Regional Labour Commis-
sioner, the demands were settled. A
settlement was duly arrived at. Signa-
tures were obtained on the settle-
ment. Yet the strike was not called
off. Despite the appeals of labour
leaders, the strike continued until
emergency was declared, after which
the next day the strike was called
off.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whe-
ther one of the demands for which
the dock workers of Calcutta went on
strike was for the implementation of
the Chaudhuri Committee's Report?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No. This parti-
cular incident had nothing to do with
that.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon.
Minister has just now said that the
conciliation officer intervened and
there was some sort of settlement.
May I know what specific points were
discussed and settled?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It will make
long list. But I will read out. . . .

Mr. Speaker: What was the main
demand?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The main demand
was for arrears of extra wages in res-
pect of paid holidays during the year
to monthly workers, along with the
wages for January, 1958. The Board
would obtain clarification from Gov-
ernment whether the extra wages
were payable under the Dock Workers
(Regulation of Employment) Scheme,
1956. In case it was held that no
extra wages were to be paid, payment
of arrears should be treated as ex-
gratia payment, and no further pay-
ment would be made. This was the
main demand.

Shri Muhammed Elias: How long
will it take Government to implement
the recommendations of the Chaudhuri
Committee Report which was placed
in their hands in the month of
October?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have given a
very full answer to this previously,
and it does not arise out of this parti-
cular question. Even so, I may say
that negotiations in regard to the
implementation of the recommenda-
tions of the Chaudhuri Committee are
going on in various ports. In Madras,
a settlement has been nearly reached;
in Bombay, it is about to be reached;
in Calcutta also, they have made very
good progress.

Oil Sardines

*1062. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any research programme to evolve suitable small machinery to extract oil from oil sardines in place of traditional methods; and

(b) if so, what are the details?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) The establishment of a Processing Wing at the Central Fisheries Technological Research Station, Cochin, for the purpose is envisaged under the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) An F.A.O. expert is engaged on working out the details. From the information available so far it appears that the methods developed in the State Fisheries Technological Research Station, Kozhikode, will be applicable for extraction of fish oil from fish.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Are Government aware that during the last sardine season, considerable quantities of oil sardine had to be wasted on account of the serious limitations in the process of treasuring and oil extraction?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes. This year, Kerala was very fortunate. It got almost 100 per cent. more fish than last year. Nearly 2 lakh tons of sardine fish were landed in three months. Naturally, it is expected that 25 to 30 per cent. of sardine fish is to be utilised for extracting oil. If we would have been able to extract all the oil from that fish, it would have gone a long way to help our industry because sardine oil has industrial use. I entirely agree with the hon. Member that there is scope for improvement. We have made a beginning and I hope we will very soon reach the stage when we will get all we want.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Have Government any idea of the losses incurred by the fishermen on account of their limitations in the process of extraction of oil in any one of the seasons in the near past?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is not exactly a loss. They were unable to meet the situation, because the sardine movement is erratic. When it comes, it comes in waves. They got so much fish that for one anna one could get 100 fish. I was there for two days; I could eat more fish than rice. They got this much in three months, which they could not think of, because the movement of sardine fish is erratic. One year it comes; another year it may not come; in the third year, it comes in waves.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is all the more reason why I say that because the movement of the fish is erratic and nobody knows when it comes, we have to have a process by which fish, when it comes like that erratically, could be converted into oil which is an industrial raw material. I want to know whether Government have any specific scheme by which they intend to spend money on this.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes, that is what I earlier replied. In our Cochin Technological Station, we intend to improve the local method of extracting oil from sardine fish. It is a seasonal industry, for three to four months. It cannot be an industry which can be depended upon throughout the year. So there is a plant in Calicut which is working on this scheme.

Telegrams



*1064. { **Shri Sarju Pandey:**
Shri Sanganna:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of handing over telegrams to the travelling passengers of the first class and air-conditioned compartments has been extended to all the Railway Zones;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the expenditure per annum likely to be incurred?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The system has been in force for a long time on some Railways and it has been extended to the other Railways during the past few months.

(c) No extra expenditure is involved.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether this system of handing over telegrams to the travelling passengers has been extended to all the regions in the Southern Railway?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes; we have issued instructions to that effect.

Shri B. Das Gupta: May I know whether this handing over of telegrams has been extended to the third class passengers also?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes, Sir; anybody can be addressed in the train and certain information has to be given. In the case of third class passengers, one of the railway employees carries the telegram and walks alongside the train shouting the name of the addressee; and, if he can locate the addressee, he hands over the telegram.

Contract of the French Consultants of the Hindustan Shipyard

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*1066. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shrimati Ila Palchowdhuri:
Shri V. C. Shukla:
Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French consultants of the Hindustan Shipyard have been served with a six-month notice of termination of their contract;

(b) if so, when the notice was given; and

(c) who will replace the French consultants?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2nd January, 1958.

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Board of Directors of the Hindustan Shipyard (Private) Ltd.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : आपने फ्रेंच लोगों को नोटिस दी है और वह अब जा रहे हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उनका स्थान पर कौन से कारपोरेशन या फर्म को या कौन से लोगों को शिपयार्ड का काम देने का विचार किया जा रहा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जैसा मैंने अभी निवेदन किया है, यह प्रश्न अभी विचाराधीन है और जब तक इस पर कोई निर्णय न हो जाये मेरे लिए कुछ कहना सम्भव नहीं है।

Shri Ranga: Have we taken any steps to get some of our own Indians trained so that they might be able to take at least one or two of the places of these Frenchmen?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as that is concerned, this was one of the terms that the present consultants will also train our people in this particular industry.

Shri Ranga: What is the present position? Have we succeeded in getting anyone trained at all to the requisite level?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We are getting training. About that also, I have given facts and figures—some statistics—about the number of people already trained by these men in their yards.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Is it a fact that expert Indian advice was contrary to the French consultant's advice about the building of the Andamans and that advice was overruled though it was available in the country?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is a matter of enquiry. But, I would like to place all the facts before the House at the earliest opportunity because that will

clear up some misunderstanding on that point.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that Government is thinking in terms of doing away with all consultants and having only Indian technicians to take charge of the shipyard?

Shri Raj Bahadur: In view of the fact that we do require the technical know-how and the engineering skill with regard to the manufacture of ships, we will have to have some consultants from foreign countries.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: My question was to elicit information as to whether there is not sufficient technical skill in the country to see that only Indians are put in charge of the shipyard.

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is exactly what we require. Therefore, we will have to go to some other country to get the required skill.

Shri Joachim Alva: When terminating the services of the French consultants, will Government be able to assess the actual loss incurred on the services of these people during the entire period? Have we come to any conclusion about it?

Shri Raj Bahadur: These people came for four specific purposes. One was to give technical advice in regard to the organisation, development and management of the shipyard. I would only give a few facts and figures about what they have done. They have manufactured as many as 10 ships during this period, from 1952 to 31-12-1957; and, all of them are seaworthy, stable and running on our overseas trade.

Apart from that, they have done several acts in regard to the organisation and development of the yard. So, I think, the question of loss or otherwise in regard to the general discharge of their obligations does hardly arise.

The question about the Andamans is a separate question and it will be examined on the basis of the report before the Transport Board.

Shri Ranga: Have we been negotiating with the Japanese Government or Japanese consultants interested in this matter as to whether we can possibly get suitable consultants from Japan?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The matter is still under consideration. We have contacted one or two countries in this regard. But, we have not come to any final conclusion. This is a somewhat delicate matter because we must select the best firm as our consultants. Japan will also be borne in mind; but, at the present moment, we cannot say which country it will be.

Shri Goray: Is it not a fact that one of our foremost marine engineers, Mr. Patel, had to resign from this shipyard because his views were not heeded?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: This matter was, perhaps, raised previously also by the hon. Member and I had said that this matter has been taken up by that committee of enquiry which we have appointed. And, as my colleague has said, the House will be acquainted with all the facts of the matter. And, as far as I know—I have not fully gone into the report—what the hon. Member has said is not, perhaps, correct.

Procurement of Foodgrains in Manipur

*1967. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money placed at the disposal of Manipur Administration for procuring foodgrains on behalf of the Government of India in 1957-58; and

(b) the quantity of rice and paddy procured in 1957-58 so far by the Manipur Administration?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Rs. 12.15 lakhs.

(b) About 34,200 maunds rice and 80,900 maunds paddy upto 24th February, 1958.

Shri L. Achaw Singh: May I know whether any quantity has been fixed for the procurement of rice and paddy during the year 1958? If so, what is the quantity and what is the price of procurement?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The price that is being paid now from January 1958 is for superior variety Rs. 11 per maund, for second class rice, Rs. 8 and for brokens, Rs. 5. Purchase of paddy to the extent of 30,900 maunds were made up to 20th December, 1957 at Rs. 6 12nP per maund inclusive of gunny. Now, only rice is being procured.

Shri L. Achaw Singh: I wanted to know whether any quota has been fixed for procurement of rice and paddy during the year 1958.

Shri A. M. Thomas: Consistent with the requirements of Manipur, whatever surplus is available, we propose to procure.

Shri Panigrahi: So far as rice procurement in Manipur is concerned, may I know whether the Government of India consider Manipur to be self-sufficient in rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is self-sufficient. That is why we have been able to move some quantities to Assam and also take to our Central storage. We are auctioning certain quantities to be exported in private account also.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Deputy Minister said that broken rice is procured at Rs. 5 per maund and superior rice at Rs. 11 per maund. May I know the sale price of these two varieties of rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The sale price will include also the element of transport expenses. We are selling at Rs. 16 for common rice and for the other varieties it will have to be calculated.

Shri Heda: While fixing such a low price, may I know whether Government have taken into consideration the cost of production? If so, what is the cost according to them?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes, Sir, the cost of production has been taken into consideration. The economy of Manipur is very much dependent upon the prevailing low prices. Even in 1955-56, the price of rice was ranging from Rs. 5½/- to Rs. 6. We are now paying more than Rs. 10. In 1952-53 also, the procurement prices were about Rs. 10 and the Manipur Administration has recommended only Rs. 12.

Shri Ranga: Is it the policy of Government to keep down the economy of Manipur by keeping the price of rice so low as compared to the prices prevailing in other areas—even in the neighbouring area of Bengal?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): This matter came up before us a long time ago and the hon. Member may be aware that there is a ban on the export of rice from Manipur for the reason that the purchasing power there is very low. If the ban had been removed, the prices would have gone up and people would have suffered. We are readily raising the prices and the prices which we are paying are in any case more liberal than what prevails in the ordinary market.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: What is the machinery that has been set up by the Manipur Administration in order to procure this rice and what is the reason why no idea has been given by the Central Government about the rice which they want from that area?

Shri A. P. Jain: It is not possible to fix what exactly the surplus will be. We are prepared to buy any surplus that could not be consumed inside the State. So far as I know the Chief Commissioner is procuring himself or through the co-operative societies. I am not sure.

Shri L. Achaw Singh: Has there been any demand for increasing the procurement price of rice and has the Manipur Advisory Committee recommended that the price should be increased to Rs. 12?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The circumstances have already been explained. We have taken all these facts into consideration and then fixed the price. It cannot be said, having regard to the prices in previous years, that the price now fixed is unreasonable.

Shri A. P. Jain: I want to make it clear. We are not at all interested in depressing the prices at Manipur. The only point was that we did not want to disturb the market of Manipur to the disadvantage of the people there.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Has the Government subsidised the purchase of rice in Manipur? (Interruptions). If so, what is the amount spent on subsidy?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is a very important question. They give Rs. 5 to the producer.

Shri Thirumala Rao: I wanted to know the subsidy paid.

Mr. Speaker: It is selling cheap. What is the harm if the hon. Minister says so.

Shri A. P. Jain: In the purchase we do not give any subsidy. It is only in the sale that we give subsidy.

Shri Thirumala Rao: I asked for this. What is the subsidy that is being given to the Manipur Government to distribute the rice for sale? (Interruptions.)

Shri A. P. Jain: We are paying the expenses on procurement and nothing more.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Deputy Minister said that they charged the transport. The hon. Food Minister said that they did not allow the rice to go out of Manipur. Then it means that the rice procured in the rural areas is sold in Manipur proper in certain bazars at Rs. 16 though it is procured at Rs. 5 per maund. May I know whether Rs. 11 is the charge on transport?

Shri A. P. Jain: The point is this. Rice is not allowed to be moved out of Manipur on trade account. Whatever surplus is produced, we transport that to other parts of the country and it forms part of a pool and the price payable for this rice is the same as for the other rice.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Why do not they pay the pool price to the Manipur grower as to the grower in Andhra or Bihar?

Mr. Speaker: This is a matter for discussion. The hon. Minister has already said that on account of the low price there, it will disturb the internal market there. Accept it or reject it.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: What is the prevailing price of rice in East Pakistan? May I know what amount of smuggling has been going on between Pakistan and this border area in view of the low price here?

Shri A. P. Jain: To the best of my information, there is no smuggling going on now. But I am not aware what the prevailing price is in the adjoining area in Pakistan.

Shri Goray: Between the procurement price and the ultimate price, there is a difference of Rs. 11. Will you give us the break-up of this difference: how much transportation charges, how much by way of profit, etc.

Shri A. P. Jain: The difference is not Rs. 11. We generally issue rice at Rs. 16 and the price paid is Rs. 11. I think that even after including the transport charges, the price of the rice would be cheaper than the issue price of the rice which forms part of the pool. We buy some quantity at a higher price and some quantity at a lower price. Ultimately the price at which we sell is lower than the price at which we buy.

Shri Goray: What is the profit. . . (Interruptions.)

Mr. Speaker: There is no question of profit. That is what the hon. Minister says.

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* १०६८. श्री रा० चं० शर्मा : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आगरा-बम्बई राजपथ (राष्ट्रीय राजपथ संख्या ३) पर धौलपुर के निकट चम्बल नदी पर जो पुल बनाया जा रहा है उसके पूरा होने पर और कितना समय लगेगा ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह पुल १९५८ में तैयार हो जाने वाला था ;

(ग) क्या यह नियत समय में तैयार हो जायेगा ; और

(घ) इस पुल पर कितना धन व्यय होगा और क्या यह राशि प्रारम्भिक निश्चित राशि से अधिक होगी या कम ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) लगभग दो वर्ष ।

(ख) जी हां,

(ग) जी नहीं, और

(घ) अनुमानतः ४५ लाख रुपये । यह रकम तल्लमीने से ३.७ लाख रुपये अधिक है ।

श्री रा० चं० शर्मा : मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि माननीय मंत्री महोदय की तरफ प्रथम से लोक सभा में जो आश्वासन दिया गया था, क्या वह उनको याद है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जी हां, उसमें यह कहा गया था कि २८-२-५८ तक इसके पूरा होने का लक्ष्य है । किन्तु कुछ विशेष बातें हुई हैं जिन के कारण इसमें देरी हुई है ।

श्री रा० चं० शर्मा : मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि कौनसी विशेष अविविधायें हैं जिस के कारण इस आश्वासन को पूरा नहीं किया गया है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : अपनी किस्म का यह एक अद्भुत और अनोखा पुल है । सबमसिबल है यानी पानी के नीचे डूबने वाला है इस में कुछ इंजिनियरिंग दृष्टिकोण से परिवर्तन की आवश्यकता पड़ी ।

श्री ब्रज राज सिंह : इस पुल का निर्माण कार्य पूरा करने में क्यों इतनी देरी की जा रही है, इसके कौन से विशेष कारण हैं, क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यही चीज तो मैं अभी बता चुका हूं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : देरी का जो कारण है, वह अभी मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया है ।

Should be repeated it again?

Indamer Company

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*1072. { Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Shri Goray:
Shri Halder:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry report of the Indamer crash at N.E.F.A. and alleged malpractices of the company has been received by Government;

(b) whether any of the malpractices have been proved; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) & (b). Yes, Sir. The report on the crash has been received and copies have been placed in the Library of the Parliament. The report has referred to one case of violation of rules by the Company, but held that the accident could not, in any way, be attributed to this violation.

(c) The licence of the Company was not renewed after 28-2-1958 on the basis of a separate report regarding compliance with the Indian Aircraft Rules.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the fact that it has been found that the company was violating the Indian Aircraft Rules, has any step been taken to find employment for dismissed engineers who had refused to agree to disobey the rules of the D.G.C.A.?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The question of employment for people who were dismissed is a separate question and does not arise out of this. But we have been considering it apart from this question. We do not know whether they were dismissed only for disobeying these orders. That would require separate investigation.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Is it a fact that while the D.G.C.A. has not cared to find whether these employees were really trying to implement the rules, the manager of the INDAMER company's Calcutta section, a European gentleman, and the aircraft of this section had been transferred to the Indian non-scheduled operators, Kalingas? If so, how has the D.G.C.A. permitted this?

Shri Humayun Kabir: In respect of the employees against whom many reports had been received, the matter is under examination—the pilots, licensed engineers and other employees. As for those against whom there are no specific complaints, it will be very difficult for us to take any action.

Shri Goray: Is it a fact that this Company took some aircraft out of India and sold it to other countries not friendly to us?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have no information on that point.

Shri Karni Singhji: In view of the licence being cancelled, have the INDAMER transferred their fleet of aircraft to some other company?

Shri Humayun Kabir: One of the aircraft they have sold. They have also transferred a number of their aircraft on lease to another company.

Shri Jaipal Singh: In view of the fact that this company has in the past been given special facilities to take aircraft out of the country, may I know whether the Government will see to it that it is not repeated?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I can assure the hon. Member that every step will be taken. In fact, no one can take an aircraft or transfer without permission, and one of the charges against the company was an attempt to register an Indian aircraft in another country.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Is it not a fact that this INDAMER Company sold several Dakotas outside the country in the past with the permission of the Government?

Shri Humayun Kabir: If they have sold with the permission of the Government the question does not arise.

Shri Joachim Alva: The Government is aware of the malpractices of many private operators. Recently the Indian Airlines have extended their activities even in regard to freight. What is the proposal of the Government? Is it to allow the Indian Airlines to operate in all lines and take over the business from private operators?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I do not see the connection between the two parts of the question. If there are certain private air companies which are guilty of malpractice, action will certainly be taken against them. As for the extension of the activities of the Indian Airlines Corporation, I am sure that every Member of the House will wish that the Indian Airlines Corporation should extend their activities so far as possible.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The hon. Minister said that this company has violated certain aircraft rules. May I know whether prosecution is being launched against them?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The whole matter is under examination as to what action we can take. We have enquired whether action can be taken, any enquiry can be made through the Special Police. We find that it cannot be done. Therefore, under the normal aircraft rules necessary action is being taken.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the answers given by the hon. Minister that they do not know when they have gone abroad, and many other things, to sell the aircraft what are the steps that the Government is devising to tighten up the entire machinery of D.G.C.A. so that the looseness which is very obvious will be obviated?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I think the hypothesis of the hon. Member is not correct. No aircraft can go out of the country without the knowledge and permission of the D.G.C.A. As one hon. Member said, they were sold previously with the permission of the Government. No aircraft can go out of the country without permission.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Am I to take it.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I am not going to allow one single Member to put questions indefinitely.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The point is that there is so much of looseness in the D.G.C.A.'s office.

Shri Jaipal Singh: With regard to parts (b) and (c) of the question, may I know whether any action has been taken about the hard currency remittances earned by this INDAMER Company, which according to normal practice should have been canalised through the country of registration.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members are not asking questions for eliciting facts. Hon. Members have taken this opportunity to criticise the Government regarding their action. This is not the occasion for that.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: We want to know....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. lady Member has got a number of questions. Hon. Member will have an opportunity when we discuss the Demands relating to this Ministry.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: We cannot get a chance everywhere. Then we need not have a Question Hour at all.

Mr. Speaker: Question Hour is not intended for lectures.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: We do not give any lectures. I think that is a very unfair interpretation.

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry for the expression 'lectures'. Otherwise, it amounts to the same thing. Expression of opinion ought not to be resorted to during the Question Hour. During the Question Hour we must only elicit facts. Leave it at that stage. That is the material on which matters could be gone into at length either in the debate on resolutions or in the general debate. That is all the purpose. I find that more of the time is utilised for giving suggestions, eliciting opinions thereon and then forcing our own opinion on the Government. That is the difficulty. Hon. Member will kindly consider it. She is in the panel of Chairmen and she has to do it herself.

Kanpur Medical College

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*1073. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Prabhat Kar:
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned during 1957-58 for the establishment of a Cancer Department in Kanpur Medical College; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon. Minister stated the other day that 75 per cent. of the non-recurring expenses and 50 per cent. of the recurring expenses of this medical college are to be borne by the Centre. May I know whether it is a fact that because that particular money for 1957-58 and 1958-59 has not been sanctioned that is the main reason why this medical college is unable to have a cancer department?

Shri Karmarkar: We have paid Rs. 15 lakhs to the Kanpur Medical College in 1956-57 and Rs. 10 lakhs in 1957-58. We have undertaken to pay them three-fourth of the non-recurring expenses and half of the recurring expenses during the Second Five Year Plan. We shall struggle our best to fulfil that promise. I should also like to add, in fairness to the hon. Member who is interested in the cancer department, that we had a provision during the Second Five Year Plan for helping cancer research centres. Now we do not help the hospitals whenever we think of the college, but we meet the expenses of the college proper. Therefore, it has not been possible for us to help Kanpur in respect of cancer. We are now giving a second thought to the subject to see whether we cannot also help the State in putting up cancer departments or have cancer sections in hospitals. That is the position.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Could the hon. Minister please tell us whether there are any cancer research centres being assisted by the Government of India in Northern India; if so, at what places and to what extent?

Shri Karmarkar: I am afraid there is no cancer research centre in Northern India, though it does not arise out of this question which relates to Kanpur only; but I should like to check up if there is any by any accident.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how much money is being given to the cancer research centre which is being established in Madras by way of recurring and non-recurring expenditure in the year 1957-58?

Shri Karmarkar: As far as Madras is concerned, I think—subject to correction—we have assured them a non-recurring grant of Rs. 1½ lakhs this year and a recurring grant of Rs. 1 lakh for three years from this year onwards. And, to the best of my memory, we have paid them Rs. 2½ lakhs this year.

Quarters for Residents of Jamuna Bazar Area

*1074. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 691 on the 17th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken regarding the construction of 600 quarters on the 50 acre land across the Jamuna River adjoining the Shahdara Bund for the residents of Jamuna Bazar Area; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). A proposal to develop 50 acres of land across the river Yamuna for constructing 600 tenements to house some of the residents of the Jamuna Bazar slum area is under consideration.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know how long this problem will remain under consideration with the Government?

Shri Karmarkar: We have issued a notice for acquisition of 207 acres of land in the area concerned, including 50 acres of land that has been set apart for this purpose. There have been representations including, among others, the Bharat Sevak Samaj that a co-operative society of slum clearers be entrusted with this responsibility. Therefore, we are considering the whole matter.

Shri Radha Raman: In view of the fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation is coming into existence after it is formed, may I know whether all this area will be governed by the Delhi Municipal Corporation or it will continue to be governed as it is now?

Shri Karmarkar: So far as I can see now, this particular work of creating tenements in that area will be with the Delhi Development Authority. It is too early to say what will happen in the next year.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: May I know if it is a fact that most of the residents of Jamuna Bazar area are very poor people working in the city and there has been considerable resistance from them to shift to this far off place; if so, whether the Government is considering the question of extending transport facilities for them to get back to their place of work in case they are shifted to far off places?

Shri Karmarkar: I think, Sir, that also was under consideration in view of the distance, but I cannot say what definite arrangements there will be.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the area of 600 acres will be sufficient to provide alternative accommodation to the deserving residents of the Jamuna Bazar area which is a big area?

Shri Karmarkar: The whole scheme is like this. There are two thousand odd dwellers or tenements. Out of them we have provided for 400 at Kilokheri and about 1100 at Jhil Mil Tahpur. Out of this, in round numbers, about 1000 families have already shifted. Because it was represented to us that it would be a hardship for some of these small workers if they are shifted to distant places, we have devised a scheme for helping 600 families. We do hope that with this arrangement there will be adequate living space for all these people.

Shri Radha Raman: The hon. Minister just now said that about 1000 families have already shifted to, probably, the Jhil Mil Tahpur area. Is it a fact that most of them have come back to the same place?

Shri Karmarkar: Unless something has happened during the last two or three days, because in Delhi sometimes things happen unexpectedly, I think they are living where they are.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Supply of Milk to Children

*1665. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any scheme with the co-operation of the State Governments for supplying milk and nutritious food for children and students throughout India; and

(b) what proportion of the cost of such food or snacks is realised from the students as part of the fee?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में यमुना नदी पर पुल का निर्माण

*१०६६. श्री लच्छी राम : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश में कानपुर-झांसी मार्ग पर काल्पी में यमुना नदी पर पुल बनाने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर कितना व्यय होगा ; और

(ग) इस पुल का निर्माण-कार्य कब शुरू होगा ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) से (ग) जाही गई सूचना देने वाला विवरण सभा-मटल पर रख दिया गया है। [रेसिप्ते परिलक्ष्य ५, सप्तम संख्या ७१]।

Milk Consumption in Andhra

*1070. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase the per capita consumption of milk in the Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether any financial assistance has been requested by the Andhra Pradesh?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The Second Five Year Plan of Andhra Pradesh includes a number of schemes costing about Rs. 175.15 lakhs for dairy and cattle development. The more important schemes are the Urban Milk Supply Scheme, setting up of milk powder factories, supply of milk to Hyderabad and Secunderabad, the reorganization of existing dairy farms and expansion of existing farms, gaushala development and Key Village schemes.

(b) The Andhra Pradesh requested Rs. 9.06 lakhs for their schemes for 1957-58. The Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 6.78 lakhs has been accorded.

Private Air Operators

*1671. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to allow private air-operators to work in feeder routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). There is no specific proposal at present, but proposals, if any, from private airline operators for operating non-scheduled services between points not connected by the Indian Airlines Corporation at present and not likely to be connected by the Corporation in the near future will be examined on the merits of each case.

Concession Tickets to Students

*1675. Shri N. R. Muniamy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concession tickets to students who are more

than 25 years of age are to be withdrawn from the 1st May, 1958; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir, but only in regard to concessional season tickets.

(b) Cases of mis-use of concessional season tickets by non-students having been detected, this step has been taken as one of the preventive measures.

Santa Cruz Airport

*1676. { Shri Naushir Bharucha:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there are several planning defects in the construction of the new Santa Cruz (Bombay) Air Port;

(b) whether experts on Air Port construction were consulted before actual work of construction was started; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no proper facilities for take offs and landings exist and that there are no provisions for holding points?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to certain recent criticism in the Press.

(b) Available expert advice in the country including that of the International Airline Operators was taken into consideration while formulating proposals for the development of Santa Cruz Airport.

(c) Proper facilities for take offs and landings are available to cater to the needs of existing air traffic. Separate holding points will be provided as and when needed.

**Vishnu Pratap Sugar Mill, Khadda
(U.P.)**

*1077. { Shri Sishaman Singh:
Shri K. N. Pandey:
Shri Ramji Verma:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the price of sugarcane supplied by the cane growers to the Vishnu Pratap Sugar Mill, Khadda, District Deoria (U.P.) upto the 20th February, 1958 and the amount of money paid to the cultivators against cane supplied;

(b) whether arrears of cane price have been paid;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to clear the arrears and ensure prompt payment of cane price on demand?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (d). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 72.]

डाक सम्बन्धी सुविधायें

*१०७८. { श्री भक्त वर्मान :
श्री स० च० सामन्त :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री १६ दिसम्बर, १९५७ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ११७१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना काल में डाक सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं के विस्तार के प्राचार का पुनरावलोकन करने के लिये नियुक्त समिति ने क्या अपनी कार्य समाप्त कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस समिति की रिपोर्ट की एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखी जावेगी ;

(ग) समिति की सिफारिशों पर क्या निर्णय किया गया है ;

(घ) यदि प्रश्न के उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो समिति ने अपने कार्य में अब तक क्या प्रगति की है ; और

(ङ) समिति की रिपोर्ट कब तक प्राप्त हो जाने की प्राप्ता है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राजबंशी (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) . प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

(घ) मालूम हुआ है कि यह समिति अपनी रिपोर्ट तथा सिफारिशों को अन्तिम रूप दे रही है ।

(ङ) जी हाँ ।

Railway School

*1079. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1332 on the 19th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Report submitted by the team of Educational Advisers appointed to survey the existing facilities in the Railway schools has since been considered; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The reports of the Educational Advisers are still under examination.

Report of Gokhale Committee

*1080. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri T. Subramanyam:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work done by the Gokhale Committee upto the end

of February, 1958 in connection with inland Water Transport; and

(b) when Government expect to receive their report?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The Committee have so far visited the Andhra, Madras, Orissa, Mysore and Kerala States, inspected the waterways in these States and discussed the problems with the State Governments, local authorities and the representatives of the public. They have also arranged for traffic surveys and technical investigations.

(b) The Committee's report can be expected only after they obtain the necessary traffic and technical data for all the regions and study them. It may therefore take another year for the report to be received.

Indo-Soviet Air Service

*1082: { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Shoba Ram:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run an air service on Indo-Soviet air route; and

(b) if so, the time by which this service is likely to be introduced?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). As the honourable Member is aware, a Delegation of Air-India International recently visited Moscow for discussing several technical and commercial points for an air service between India and U.S.S.R. The report of this Delegation has been received and is being examined by the Government.

Railway School, Rayagada

*1083. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred

Question No. 1251 on the 6th December, 1957 in respect of the Railway School at Rayagada and state whether the additional accommodation has since been made available?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes.

Gift of Milk to Manipur from UNICEF

*1083. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quota of milk allotted to Manipur from U.N. Children's Fund has been cancelled; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Pakistan Goods Train Traffic

*1084. Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway goods traffic between India and Pakistan (Amritsar and Lahore) remained suspended for sometime towards the end of February, 1958;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when was it resumed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Yes. There was some dislocation in the interchange of traffic between Amritsar and Lahore on 25-2-1958 and 26-2-1958, due to N.W. Railway staff not turning up for the examination of the stock and taking over of the trains at the interchange point.

(c) With effect from the evening of 26-2-1958.

Rice from Burma

*1085. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to get lesser quantity of rice from Burma in the current year than scheduled; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In view of shortfall in production the Government of Burma have expressed their inability to undertake to supply more than 2½ lakh tons in 1958. Therefore, the possibility of obtaining some rice from other countries, within the foreign exchange ceiling provided for the import of full 5 lakh tons from Burma, is being explored.

भूमि का कटाव

*१०८६. { श्री भक्त बर्मान :
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :

क्या काछ तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भूमि के कटाव को रोकने के उद्देश्य से सारे हिमालय क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण पिछले कुछ वर्षों से किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस कार्य में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ग) सर्वेक्षण का कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है ;

(घ) इस कार्य पर कुल कितनी राशि व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(ङ) इस कार्य में तिब्बत, नेपाल, सिक्किम और भूटान की सरकारों से किस प्रकार का सहयोग मिल रहा है ?

काछ तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री स० चं० बर्मान)
(क) से (ङ), सभा की टेबल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है । [देखिये परिशिष्ट ५, अनुसूच्य संख्या ७३]

Hostel for Railway Employees' Children at Secunderabad

*1087. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 410 on 29th July, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Scrutiny of the estimate for the construction of a subsidised hostel for 200 children of Railway employees schooling at Secunderabad has since been completed; and

(b) if so, when the work on it will commence?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. The question of commitments involved in the provision of the hostel is still under scrutiny.

(b) Does not arise.

Paddy

*1088. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strains of paddy as approved by the Advisory Board of the Council of the Agricultural Research have been experimented in any parts of the country according to the improved technique of the Chinese methods of the Paddy cultivation;

(b) if so, in which areas of the country; and

(c) the chief difference between the Japanese method of cultivation and the Chinese method?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The chief difference between these methods is with regard to spacing. The method of close planting advocated in the Chinese method of paddy cultivation is just the opposite of the Japanese method. Besides the number of seedlings planted per hole in the Chinese method is less than that under the Japanese method.

हवाई अड्डे

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(क) १९५६-५७ में कितने नये हवाई अड्डे बनाये गये और कितने हवाई अड्डे बनाने के लिये प्रारम्भिक कार्यवाही की गयी है ; और

(ख) देश में इस समय कितने हवाई अड्डे हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबीर) : (क) १९५६-५७ में उदयपुर (उबोक) में एक हवाई अड्डा बनकर तैयार हो चुका है और काण्डला, हलदवानी, रक्सील, जोगवनी, तुलीहल, माल्दा और बेहाला में सात नये हवाई अड्डे बनाने का काम हाथ में लिया गया है।

(ख) १९५७ के अन्त तक सिविल एविएशन डिपार्टमेंट के अधीन सिविल हवाई अड्डों की तादाद ८५ थी। (इनमें से बिलोनिया का एक हवाई अड्डा बन्द कर दिया गया है)।

विदेशी विशेषज्ञ तथा उड्डयन विभाग

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(क) उड्डयन विभाग ने वर्ष १९५६-५७ में कितने विदेशी विशेषज्ञों की सेवाएं प्राप्त कीं ;

(ख) इन विशेषज्ञों ने क्या काम किया ; और

(ग) सरकार ने इन विशेषज्ञों पर कितना व्यय किया ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबीर) : (क) एक।

(ख) इस एक्सपर्ट ने भारत में अपने काम के दौरान म साम तौर पर ये काम किये :—

(१) इण्डियन एयर लाइन्स कारपोरेशन और एयर इण्डिया इंटरनेशनल कारपोरेशन के कप्तानों की जांच इस विचार से की कि आया वे- पाइलट-इन-कमाण्ड होने के क्वालि हैं या नहीं ;

(२) पाइलट इंस्ट्रक्टरों और चेक पाइलटों की ट्रेनिंग और पाइलटों की ट्रेनिंग की और जांच के लिए एक स्क्वैड प्रोसीजर बनाया ; और

(३) इंस्ट्रुमेंट रेटिंग सर्टिफिकेट के लिये पाइलटों की जांच।

(ग) १९५६-५७ के सरकारों वर्ष में ६२६४ रुपये।

विमान दुर्घटनायें

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(क) १९५६-५७ में भारत में कुल कितनी विमान दुर्घटनायें हुईं ;

(ख) उन दुर्घटनाओं में कितने भारतीय और कितने विदेशी विमान नष्ट हुए ;

(ग) भारतीय विमानों की दुर्घटनाओं के कारण कुल कितनी हानि हुई ;

(घ) उन दुर्घटनाओं में कितने व्यक्ति मरे;

(ङ) मरे हुए व्यक्तियों के निकट सम्बन्धियों को क्या कोई प्रतिकर दिया गया; और

(च) यदि हां, तो कुल कितना प्रतिकर दिया गया ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हमायूँ कबीर) : (क) ३५।

(ख) ६ भारतीय रजिस्टर्ड जहाज और ग्लाइडर टूट गये थे। कोई विदेशी विमान नहीं टूटा था।

(ग) १९५६-५७ में सरकार को ट्रेनिंग के हवाई जहाजों के टूटने से ३०,५०० रुपये का नुकसान हुआ था। इण्डियन एयर लाइन्स कारपोरेशन को ९१,५३६ रुपये का नुकसान हुआ। इसमें हवाई दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गये कर्मचारियों के वारिसों को दिया गया मुआवजा नहीं जोड़ा गया है। फ्लाईंग क्लबों और प्राइवेट हवाई जहाज रखने वालों की दुर्घटनाओं की वजह से जो नुकसान हुआ है उसकी रकम मालूम नहीं है।

(घ) १४।

(ङ) और (च) इण्डियन एयर लाइन्स कारपोरेशन ने १,७२,००० रुपये मुआवजा दिया।

मद्रास में भारतीय नाविकों के लिये होस्टल

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(क) मद्रास में भारतीय नाविकों के लिये होस्टल बनाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ख) यह होस्टल कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जाने की आशा है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) समुद्र के किनारे स्थान प्राप्त हो चुका है और उक्त स्थान पर होस्टल की इमारत के नक्शे और तलमीने भी तैयार हो चुके हैं। किन्तु वास्तविक निर्माण-कार्य चालू करना अभी इसलिये सम्भव नहीं हो सका, क्योंकि मद्रास कारपोरेशन ने उक्त योजनाओं की स्वीकृति इस आधार पर नहीं दी कि इमारत के लिये निश्चित स्थान समुद्री किनारे की जमीन है और इस पर इमारत नहीं बननी चाहिए। कारपोरेशन द्वारा उठाई गई इस आपत्ति का समाधान करने के लिये प्रयत्न किए जा रहे हैं।

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में अभी कोई निश्चित संकेत नहीं दिया जा सकता। लेकिन कारपोरेशन की स्वीकृति मिलते ही जितनी जल्दी सम्भव हो सकेगा होस्टल की इमारत बनाने का हर प्रयत्न किया जाएगा।

पाकिस्तान में भारतीय नाविक

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(क) क्या कोई भारतीय नाविक विभाजन के बाद अपनी जीविका कमाने के लिये पाकिस्तान गये हैं; और

(ख) क्या इन भारतीय नाविकों को पाकिस्तान में द्रष्टांक मिलने की वैसी ही सुविधायें हैं जैसी कि भारत में पाकिस्तानी नाविकों को प्राप्त हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) सरकार के पास कोई सूचना नहीं है।

(ख) जी हां। भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच पासपोर्ट एवं वीजा योजना के अन्तर्गत जो सुविधाएं पाकिस्तानी नाविकों को प्राप्त हैं परस्पर रूप में वैसी ही सुविधाएं भारतीय नाविकों को भी प्राप्त हैं।

Railway Passenger Amenities

1430. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the passenger amenities provided during the First Five Year Plan at the stations on the following lines:

(i) Rewari-Loharu and (ii) Ferozepore-Jullundur Lines on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the passenger amenities to be provided during the Second Five Year Plan at these stations, station-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is attached [See Appendix V, annexure No. 74.]

Well Construction

1430. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans given to States for construction of wells during 1957-58, State-wise;

(b) whether loan has been utilised fully; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A statement giving the required information is appended. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 75.]

(b) and (c). The information will be available only after the middle of 1958.

Co-operative Credit Society on Northern Railway

1431. { Shri Umrao Singh:
Shri Rup Narain:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Co-operative Credit Society which caters for

the entire staff of the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, which is that Society;

(c) if not, the action taken so far in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Northern Railway Administration is taking steps for extending the jurisdiction of the existing Co-operative Credit Societies on that railway to the areas which are not catered for at present.

Textile Fibre

1432. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bombay has approved a scheme for the cultivation of "Ramie" for producing a high quality Textile fibre; and

(b) whether the Government of India have studied the possibility of using a variety of 'Ramie' known as "Kyvan" yielding good fibres and growing wild in the forests of Kerala?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) No variety of 'Ramie' (*Boehmeria nivea*) called "Kyvan" is known to us. The variety "Kyvan" in question probably refers to the 'Kaivun' fibre derived from the plant *Helicteres isora* L. (Sterculiaceae) which yields the most important soft fibre available naturally in the forest areas in Kerala. A few types of *H. isora* collected by the Jute Agricultural Research Institute from different parts of India have been grown at the Institute Farm and these are now under study.

Development of Fisheries in Andhra

1433. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have recently submitted any schemes to the Central Government for the development of fisheries in the State; and

(b) if so, the nature of such schemes?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). No new scheme has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government recently. Proposals for the continuance in 1958-59 of the various schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan were received in December 1957, and these were approved by the Central Government. The nature of these schemes are:

Collection and distribution of fry and fingerlings and their stocking in tanks and ponds, development of fisheries in tanks and reservoirs, construction of fish farms; improvement of indigenous craft and tackle, supply of fisheries requisites like timber, yarn, nets etc.; supply of salt for fish curing at subsidised rates; provision of transport facilities for fry collection and marketing of fish; organisation of fishermen co-operatives; and fisheries extension, propaganda and training.

Availability of Foodgrains

1434. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing the additional quantity of foodgrains available in 1956-57 as a result of (1) the use of Chemical fertilizers (2) the major irrigation schemes (3) the minor irrigation schemes (4) the functioning of community projects and National Extension Service?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement showing additional production potential of foodgrains available in 1956-57 under various schemes is attached [See Appendix V, annexure No. 76.]

International Flowers Show

1435. **Shri R. Narayanasamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have participated in the International Flower Show held at New York, U.S.A. from the 9th March to the 15th March, 1958?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No. The Consulate General of India in New York had, however, intimated that the 41st International Flower Show would be held at New York from 9th to 15th March, 1958, and requested that the Horticultural Societies or individual Horticulturists in the country may be encouraged to participate in this Show which would give good publicity to Indian flowers among American public. Well-known Horticultural Societies and firms in the country were, accordingly, requested to participate in the Show, if possible.

Radio Sets

1436. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the total number of radio receiving sets in India during 1956-57 and 1957-58, State-wise?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Statistics regarding the total number of receiver sets in India are not collected by the P. & T. Department, but only of the total number of licences issued and renewed circle-wise and not State-wise. The number of licences issued and renewed (i.e., the number of licences in force) does not also represent the number of sets licensed, since more than one

receiver can be worked under cover of one license only provided they are located in the same premises.

The number of wireless licences in force stood at 10,78,000 on 31st March, 1957 and at 13,11,080 on 30th November, 1957. The latest figures are still under compilation.

The circle-wise distribution of licences in force is as follows: —

Name of the P.&T. Circle	No. of licences in force on 31-3-1957	No. of licences in force on 31-11-1957
Andhra	45,858	55,249
Assam	13,832	17,894
Bihar	47,205	55,718
Bombay	2,48,824	3,02,405
Central	46,337	56,190
Delhi	58,993	73,379
Hyderabad	31,303	37,693
Madras	1,82,429	2,22,046
Orissa	9,857	11,856
Punjab	99,992	1,25,931
Rajasthan	45,056	58,399
U.P.	1,00,701	1,18,498
West Bengal	1,47,613	1,75,822
	10,78,000	13,11,080

Sugarcane Crushed in Bombay

1437. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugarcane crushed in the sugar mills of Bombay State during the 1956-57 crushing season; and

(b) the price of sugarcane paid to the farmers?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 20.7 lakh tons.

(b) Rs. 45 per ton.

Training in Public Health Engineering

1438. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Narman:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made so far for training in Public Health Engineering;

(b) the number of Public Health Engineering personnel trained since the inception of the Second Five Year Plan;

(c) the names and capacity of the training centres; and

(d) how much of the allotted amount for the Second Plan period has been spent so far and how?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 77].

Dining Cars

1439. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new dining cars put on the Railways;

(b) the names of the lines to which they have been allotted; and

(c) the number of worn out dining cars which are still on the lines?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) B.G. 10 M.G. 5.

(b) The B.G. Dining Cars comprise 4-A C vestibuled cars running on the three vestibuled Air-conditioned Deluxe Trains and 6 ordinary vestibuled cars running on the vestibuled Janta Trains, viz. Delhi-Madras, Delhi Howrah, and Madras-Bombay.

The M.G. Dining Cars are running on Bangalore city-Poona mails and Indo-Ceylon Expresses.

(c) B.G. M.G.

Public Health Training Centres

1440. Shri B. C. Majhi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats allotted to each State in the Reorientation training centres for the training of Public Health staff assigned to Community projects during 1957-58 at Najafgarh, Singur and Poonamallee; and

(b) whether the syllabus and standard of training is uniform in all the three centres?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 78]

(b) Yes, with minor modifications to suit local conditions.

Railway Passenger Amenities

1441. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1916 on the 19th December, 1957 and state the progress so far made to provide sheds on the platform at Nangal Dam Station on the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The erection of the shed at Nangal Dam station, depends upon the acceptance of the Punjab Government to bear their share of cost. Meanwhile, necessary preliminaries for fabrication of the shed have been taken in hand.

Quarters for Railway Employees at Bezwada

1442. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters proposed to be constructed at Bezwada for the Southern Railway zone during 1956-59;

(b) the number of essential employees at Bezwada who have not yet been provided with quarters; and

(c) by what time the quarters will be provided to the essential staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No new quarters have been programmed for construction at Bezwada during 1958-59.

(b) About 844.

(c) The construction of quarters for essential staff is programmed on Railway basis year by year depending upon the availability of funds. As a large number of essential staff have yet to be provided with quarters over the whole railway, it will take a long time to provide quarters for all essential staff.

Fair Price Shops in Andhra

1443. Shri Bali Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair-price shops opened in Andhra Pradesh since last year;

(b) the quantity of grains that was distributed through these shops and at what price; and

(c) how long would these shops be continued?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 470 fair price shops are functioning for distribution of rice in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. For distribution of wheat, about 500 traders have been licensed.

(b) About 406 tons of rice has been issued during December 1957 and January 1958, and wheat is being distributed at the rate of about 3,000 tons per month. Rice is being issued to the retailers at Rs. 16.70 N.P. per maund and wheat at Rs. 14.00 per maund.

(c) The sale of wheat will continue as long as the need is felt. The sale of rice will continue as long as the State Government have stocks of rice.

Agricultural and Veterinary College

1444. Shri Bali Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any aid was given to the agricultural and veterinary colleges in Andhra, by the Government of India;

(b) the names of the colleges that have received the aid and to what extent; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have asked for more financial aid than what has already been granted?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is appended. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 79]

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh approached the Central Government for grant of additional assistance for further expansion of training facilities at the (1) Agriculture College, Bapatla, and (2) College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Osmania University, Hyderabad. The State Government were informed that their request would be examined in the light of the recommendations of the Agricultural Personnel Committee appointed by the Government of India to review the availability and requirements of trained agricultural personnel. The report of the above Committee is likely to become available by the end of March, 1958.

डाक तार कर्मचारियों के लिये अन्तरिम सहायता

१४४५. श्री जगदीश प्रबन्धी : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या डाक तथा तार विभाग के कुछ कर्मचारियों ने भारत सरकार द्वारा घोषित

अन्तरिम सहायता लेना अस्वीकार कर दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कितने कर्मचारी हैं और उनकी अस्वीकृति के क्या कारण हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

चतुर्थ श्रेणी के रेलवे कर्मचारियों की भर्ती में भ्रष्टाचार

१४४६. डा० राज सुभग सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर रेलवे के लखनऊ डिवीजन में खलासी जैसे चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की भर्ती में भ्रष्टाचार का एक मामला पकड़ा गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले के तथ्य क्या हैं ; और

(ग) इस विषय में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) एक रेल-कर्मचारी पर इस बात का आरोप है कि उसने किसी के बदले किसी का चुनाव कराया और अभिलेखों (Records) में हेर-फेर किया ।

(ग) यह मामला जांच के लिये स्पेशल पुलिस एस्टेब्लिशमेंट लखनऊ को दिया गया है ।

Post Office at Bhatinda

1447. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back Government had a proposal

to construct separate building for Bhatinda Post Office in Punjab State;

(b) if so, whether any and what steps were taken to implement that proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Release from the ban on construction of building has been obtained. Action is being taken to implement the proposal early.

स्पीडोमीटर सहित इंजन

१४४८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारतीय रेलवे में अभी ऐसे कितने इंजन हैं जिनमें स्पीडोमीटर लगे हुए हैं ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :
११२१ इंजन ।

Fishing

1449. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the estimated total annual catch of fish in 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 by the use of mechanised fishing craft and improved fishing gear?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The estimated total annual catches of sea-fish in Mysore, Kerala, Madras and Andhra by the use of mechanised fishing craft and improved fishing gear are given below:

Year	lbs.
1953-54	.. 1,21,856
1954-55	.. 3,51,487
1955-56	.. 8,31,339
1956-57	.. 9,35,735

The estimated figures for Bombay coast are not available, as it has not been possible to collect the data from

about 1,000 mechanised boats. In Orissa and West Bengal, mechanisation has just commenced and, therefore, the relevant figures are not available.

मध्य प्रदेश में नई रेलवे लाइनें

१४५०. श्री क० भे० माजबीब :
क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाने के सम्बन्ध में सर्वेक्षण करने के लिये क्या कोई आदेश जारी किये गये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन सर्वेक्षणों के सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ग) यह सर्वेक्षण कार्य कब तक पूर्ण होने की आशा है; और

(घ) यदि वह पूर्ण हो गया है, तो सरकार ने उसके बारे में क्या निर्णय किये हैं ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां):

(क) से (घ). सूचना राज्यों के अनुसार नहीं, रेलों के अनुसार रखी जाती है। फिर भी संलग्न सूची में बताया गया है कि मध्य प्रदेश में किन नयी रेलवे लाइनों का सर्वे पूरा हो चुका है, किनका सर्वे हो रहा है और किन लाइनों के बनाने की मंजूरी दी जा चुकी है।
[इसियं परिशिष्ट ५, अनुबन्ध संख्या ८०]

Road Transport

1451. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for development of Road Transport in the Punjab State during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the proposed schemes under the Second Five Year Plan for the development of Road Transport in the Punjab State?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Rs. 226.33 lakhs, including a provision of Rs. 106.68 lakhs in the Railway Plan for contribution towards the capital of the Road Transport Corporations for the State.

(b) The amount is mainly intended for expansion of nationalised passenger road transport services in the State, construction of buildings for the Central Workshop and Central Stores of the Punjab Roadways and some other necessary buildings for that undertaking and the PEPSU Road Transport Corporation. The expansion programme in respect of Punjab Roadways is approved subject to the State setting up a Corporation under the Road Transport Corporations Act of 1950.

कानपुर में रेलवे की बकाया धन राशि

१४५२ { स्वामी रामानन्द शास्त्री :
श्री स० म० बनर्जी :
श्री तंशाबसि :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि म्योर मिलज कानपुर पर रेलवे का लगभग २ लाख रुपये बाकी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह धन राशि वसूल करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है;

(ग) कानपुर की अन्य कौन-कौन सी मिसों पर रेलवे का रुपया बाकी है;

(घ) उनमें से प्रत्येक में कितनी धन राशि वसूल करती है; और

(ङ) इस विषय में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां):

(क) २२-२-५८ को म्योर मिल कानपुर से १.८४ लाख रुपये लेने थे।

(ख) स्थानीय रेलवे प्रशासन सम्बन्धित मिसों के सम्पर्क में है और यह रकम वसूल करने की हर कोशिश कर रहा है।

(ग) से (ङ). सूचना साथ नत्थी बयान में दी गयी है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट ५, अगुबंघ संख्या ८१]

Railway Schools

1453. { Shri Snobdh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many Railway schools have been upgraded from High to Higher Secondary-cum-Multi-purpose Schools during the year 1957-58 and how many are proposed to be upgraded in 1958-59;

(b) what is the position of the South Eastern Railway High School at Khargpur in this regard;

(c) whether it has been provided with adequate facilities in the shape of laboratories, accommodation and staff if it has already been upgraded;

(d) if not, when it is proposed to be done; and

(e) how many new courses have been introduced up till now and whether any new courses are proposed to be introduced in 1958, 1959 and 1960 in a progressive way?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Two High Schools have been converted into multi-purpose schools during 1957-58 and four are likely to be taken up during 1958-59.

(b) to (e). In the South Eastern Railway High School at Khargpur "Humanities" and "Science" groups of subjects under the multi-purpose scheme, prescribed by the State Government of West Bengal in the syllabus for Higher Secondary schools, have been introduced to start with in class IX of the school with effect from 1st January, 1957. The question of introducing two more

groups of Electric subjects viz. "Commerce" and "Technical" and providing facilities in the shape of laboratories, technical workshop, accommodation and staff etc. is under consideration.

Electricity Consumption in the States

1454. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the annual per capita consumption of electricity for domestic and Commercial purposes, excluding industrial consumption, in the different States of India since 1951 up-to-date and the annual average for the country as a whole in those years;

(b) what will be the position if the power projects included in the Second Plan are completed according to scheduled time table in the year 1961; and

(c) what was the annual per capita consumption of electricity for industrial purposes in the years 1951 to 1957 in different States?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The annual per capita consumption of electricity for domestic and commercial purposes in the different erstwhile States and in the reorganised States is given in a statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 82].

(b) The overall per capita consumption of energy in the country, including industrial consumption, is expected to rise to 50 kw. by the end of 1960-61.

(c) The required information is given in a statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 82.]

हिमाचल प्रदेश का स्वास्थ्य विभाग

१४५५. श्री वध देव : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १८ मार्च से ३१ दिसंबर १९५७ तक की अवधि में हिमाचल प्रदेश के

स्वास्थ्य विभाग की प्रशासकीय मद के अन्तर्गत कितना व्यय हुआ; और

(ख) इस व्यय में से क्षेत्रीय परिवर्द्ध और सरकार द्वारा प्रत्यक्ष प्रत्यक्ष कितनी राशि खर्च की गई?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करनरकर) :
(क) २०,६४,०७८ रुपये ।

(ख) ऊपर लिखी राशि में से ५,१३,७८५ रुपये क्षेत्रीय परिवर्द्ध और १५,५०,२९३ रुपये हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रशासन का हिस्सा है ।

Lembuchara Basic Agricultural School, Tripura

1456. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of stipend given to the students of Lembuchara Basic Agricultural School, Tripura;

(b) whether any representation has been received by Government to increase that amount; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): Rs. 30 per month per trainee in accordance with the provision in the model scheme of the Government of India.

(b) Yes.

(c) In the detailed estimates of expenditure for 1957-58, the Tripura Administration provided for a subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs. 30 per month per trainee only which was accepted by Government of India. Subsequently, in the revised estimates the Administration provided for an enhanced rate of Rs. 50 per month as they considered the sum of Rs. 30 inadequate to meet expenses on food, books and incidental charges. After a careful consideration, the proposal has not been accepted since the stipend is not

expected to cover the entire cost of living but is merely intended to attract suitable trainees.

Motor Accidents in Tripura

1457. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people died in Tripura in motor accidents during 1957;

(b) whether any investigation was demanded by public organisation into the causes of these accidents;

(c) whether any investigation was held; and

(d) if so, what are the results of such investigations?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 13.

(b) A demand was made by Shri Nripendra Kumar Chakraborty, a Member of the Territorial Council for Tripura, for the appointment of an Enquiry Committee, with non-official members, to investigate the causes of the accidents;

(c) Police investigations were held into the accidents. It was not considered necessary to appoint a separate Enquiry Committee, with non-official representation, as suggested.

(d) Twelve police cases were started in respect of the 13 deaths. One case has since been decided, 6 are pending in various Courts and the remaining five cases are under investigation.

Workers on Quilon-Ernakulam Railway Line

1458. Shri Kodiyan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of temporary workers engaged in the construction of the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway line as on the 31st December, 1957;

(b) how many of them have so far been taken into permanent service on this line;

(c) whether any percentage has been reserved for the Scheduled Castes candidates in the permanent service in this line for the different categories of appointments; and

(d) if so, the number of seats filled up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 3017.

(b) 380.

(c) 14 per cent. of the permanent posts have been reserved for Scheduled Castes candidates.

(d) 21.

Slum Advisory Body for Delhi

1459. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meetings have been held by the Slum Advisory Body for Delhi which was set up in November, 1956; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed and decision arrived in those meetings?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. There were two meetings of this Body, the first on the 10th November, 1956 and the second on the 4th December, 1956.

(b) The subject discussed was the question of providing alternative accommodation to the slum evictees from the Yamuna Bazaar. The main recommendations made by the Slum Advisory Body in these meetings were as follows:—

(1) Alternative accommodation to all the eligible displaced squatters of the Yamuna Bazaar area should be provided by the Ministry of Rehabilitation;

(2) Government and private employees, numbering 530 families should be shifted

from Yamuna Bazaar area as soon as the new colonies at Kilokri and Jhilmilā Tahirpur are fit for occupation.

- (3) Out of 128 pandas squatting in the Yamuna Bazaar area, only those pandas who had to perform actual religious ceremonies in the smasans and bathing-ghats should remain there and the others must be evicted;
- (4) Mochis squatting in the Yamuna Bazaar area should be given training at night classes to make chappals and shoes thus enabling them to earn a decent income on their being shifted to Jhilmila Tahirpur;
- (5) Dhobis, sweepers and other minor personnel squatting in the Yamuna Bazaar area should be housed on plots of land to be made available by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply near about the New Government Colonies, where quarters for these people should be built, out of the slum clearance funds of the Ministry of Health; and
- (6) The question of re-housing of the railway mazdoors squatting in the Yamuna Bazaar area should be taken up with the Ministry of Railways.

तार-घर व सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन कार्यालय

१४६०. श्री लच्छी राम : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जिला झांसी (उत्तर प्रदेश) के गुरसराय और गरौठा मंडियों के व्यापारियों तथा वहां के निवासियों की ओर से वहां तार-घर व सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन कार्यालय खोलने के सम्बन्ध में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन पर क्या कार्य-वाही की गई है?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर): (क) जी हां।

(ख) इन दोनों स्थानों पर तार-मुविधाओं की मंजूरी दे दी गयी है। प्रत्येक स्थान के लिये टेलीफोन-मुविधा देने का प्रस्ताव अधिक हानि-कर है, एवं इसकी मंजूरी गारंटी के बिना नहीं दी जा सकती।

Opening of Post Offices at Sonepur

1461. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people in the villages of Sonepur Sub-Division in Sambalpur Postal Division have represented to the Postal Authority concerned for opening post offices there;

(b) whether Government have any plan for opening Post Offices in those villages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 83.].

Multi-purpose Blocks in Andhra Pradesh

1462. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the number of multi-purpose blocks sanctioned this year in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether tribal representatives are associated with the execution work?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) No

new multi-purpose Blocks have been sanctioned during 1957-58. During 1956-57, 4 such Blocks were sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Canning as Cottage Industry in the Development Blocks

1463. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to encourage canning as cottage industry in the Development Blocks; and

(b) the financial assistance and the technical know-how placed at the disposal of persons engaged in such industries?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) *Ad hoc* minor schemes are taken up in canning wherever practicable in C.D. and N.E.S. areas. In Pilot Projects in which conditions are considered suitable for starting such an industry, this Ministry has arranged for expert investigations and preparation of schemes through the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

(b) Loans are given to the persons engaged in such industries. Technical know-how is provided by the State Governments and the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, who also operate a scheme for training them in the techniques of the industry.

Inspectors of Post Offices

1464. Shri Ignace Beck: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of competitive vacancies advertised for the posts of Inspectors of Post Offices and the Railway Mail Service in 1957;

(b) the total number of reserved seats for the Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the total number of Scheduled Tribes, who competed from Bihar and the number selected?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 158 vacancies of Inspectors of Post Offices and 46 vacancies of Inspectors of Railway Mail Service were announced for all Circles for February, 1957 examination.

(b) 22 vacancies of Inspectors of post offices and 12 vacancies of Inspectors of Railway Mail Service were reserved for Scheduled Tribes in all Circles.

(c) From Bihar two Scheduled Tribe candidates appeared for Inspector of Post Offices examination only but none qualified.

Scheduled Castes Employees on Central Railway

1465. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates recruited or selected as Class II and III officers on the Central Railway during 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the percentage reserved by Government for them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is no percentage reservation in the case of selection to Class II or Class III. As regards the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes recruited to these Classes on the Central Railway, there was no recruitment made in Class II, but the position in regard to class III is as under:

	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
	per cent.	per cent.
Class III	8.8	7

(b) Class II—Class II posts are generally filled by promotion of suitable Class II staff and in promotions

there is no reservation at present. Where, however, direct recruitment to Class II is resorted to, the following percentage is applied:—

Scheduled Castes—12½ per cent.

Scheduled Tribes—5 per cent.

Class III—

Scheduled Castes:

By open competition on an All-India basis—12½ per cent.

By other means with local or regional bias on Central Railway—13 per cent.

Scheduled Tribes:

By open competition on an All-India basis—5 per cent.

By other means with local or regional bias on Central Railway—7 per cent.

Corruption on Central Railway

1466. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railway be pleased to state the number of corruption cases still pending on the Central Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Fifteen.

Rice in Punjab

1467. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of rice (in maunds) sent from Punjab to other States during 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): About 15.5 lakh maunds upto 10th March, 1958 on Central Government account.

Indian Veterinary Research Institute
Izattnagar

1468. Shri Kunhan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table a list of administration and research staff on the

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement is appended. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 82].

Opening of Post Offices in Villages

1469. { Shri B. Das Gupta:
Shri Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many new village post offices have been opened in 1957 in the rural areas of the Purulia district (West Bengal); and

(b) how many representations from that district for opening of new post offices in rural areas are still pending with Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) None in 1957; but 4 post offices have been opened between 1st January 1958 and 28th February 1958.

(b) Fifteen. All these proposals are under examination and are likely to be finalised during the year 1958-59.

Quarters for P. and T. Employees,
Madurai

1470. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether quarters have been constructed for the Posts and Telegraphs employees of Madurai in Tallakula area of Madurai; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes, at places where sites were available. Sites are being acquired for

Inspectors of Post Offices

1472. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Inspectors of Post Offices in Punjab;

(b) the number of their offices located at present in private houses; and

(c) the amount of monthly rent paid?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) Forty-four.

(b) Thirty-four have their offices in their own residences and are given a house rent allowance of Rs. 5 each per month for this purpose.

(c) Since they are privately rented by the Inspectors of Post Offices, the Government have no information on the subject.

Labour Co-operative Societies in Punjab

1473. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount allotted by Central Government for assistance to Labour Co-operative Societies in Punjab during 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (**Shri A. P. Jain**): No separate allocation is made by the Central Government for assistance to Labour Co-operative Societies in Punjab or in any other State and the amounts allocated to State Governments duly include the requirements of Co-operative Societies of Labourers and Industrial Workers. An amount of Rs. 53,443 (Rs. 22,270 as loan and Rs. 31,173 as subsidy) was, however, disbursed to the Ludhiana Industrial Workers Co-operative Society Ltd., Ludhiana in Punjab during 1957-58, as a part payment in respect of their project for the construction of 132 two-roomed tenements sanctioned in 1955-56, under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme.

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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**NON-DECLARATION OF MARCH 20TH AS HOLIDAY**

Mr. Speaker: I have received notice of an Adjournment Motion from some hon. Members regarding the decision of the Delhi Administration not to declare March 20th as a paid holiday. I wonder if there can be an Adjournment Motion at all on the ground that a particular day has not been declared a holiday. Maybe there are elections.

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I submit that March 20 is not a holiday for industries. March 20 is a holiday in the Delhi Municipal Corporation. The election day will not be an additional paid holiday for the employees of all industrial and commercial establishments. So, my submission is that the offices have been closed. It is a holiday for the office employees and especially for the Secretariat.

Now, in Delhi itself, about 50,000 industrial employees are employed in various industries both in the private and the public sector, including the defence industries, the Central Ordnance Factory and in the M.E.S. They are all industrial employees. They have been asked to go and vote and have been given two or three hours' leave for the purpose. May I submit that about 10,000 people or 20,000 people have to come from Shahdara and even from other distant places? How is it possible for them to go and vote? It means really that the ruling party does not want the workers to vote freely. They will take simply trucks and carry the voters.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want a reply from the hon. Minister. Let there be proper democratic functioning in the Delhi elections. Otherwise, it will be only restricted to the truck-owners and bus-owners who will carry the voters to the polls.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Does the hon. Member mean that everybody will vote only for the ruling party?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Particularly for the Congress Party.

Shri D. C. Sharma (Gurdaspur): This is a vote-catching device.

Shri Tangamani (Madurai): This announcement was made yesterday, and the election is going to take place tomorrow. I understand that the Central Government employees are granted but the staff of the Lok Sabha are not granted a holiday.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to give.

Shri Tangamani: I am told there was a practice in the past, during the year 1953 or 1954, that the Lok Sabha used to sit from 8-15 a.m. to 1-15 p.m. Can we not do likewise tomorrow, thus enabling the staff to go and cast their votes in the afternoon? As the election is taking place in the metropolis itself, and as Delhi is a centrally administered area, I consider it very necessary that the day may be declared a holiday.

Mr. Speaker: But how does an Adjournment Motion relate to it?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): I think the Adjournment Motion, though no specific mention has been made of the employees in the Lok Sabha, also relates to them. That is the last thing there, I think.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The industrial employees.

Pandit G. B. Pant: I say as I heard from the other side. Well, I would not attribute any motives as to whether any arrangement has been made with a view to keep out the workmen from casting their votes for any particular party or whether this motion has been tabled with any ulterior motive to secure their sympathy. That is beside the point.

But the real fact is this. Though offices are going to be closed, the offices have to work all the day. About 14,000 employees of Government have now been employed or have been requisitioned for the election purposes. They will be busy not only for the normal time, but all day long. They will have to work for extra hours.

So far as labourers are concerned, we have already asked the industrial undertakings that are under the Government to give to the workmen reasonable facilities to enable them to cast their vote, and they will certainly get payment, even for the time that they have to take to go and record their votes.

So far as industrial undertakings under private management are concerned, the Labour Ministry has appealed to them that they might give them reasonable facilities for these purposes. I do not see what more we can do. Perhaps all facts were known to the hon. Members. They have said definitely that the Government has said that they will not pay for the time that may be taken by the people, in recording their votes, in Government undertakings. Well, that statement does not seem to be correct.

As to the rest, we have appealed to the industrial undertakings under private management. And, as I have said, that is what we did even on the Republic Day. We only appealed to them, as we cannot notify an industrial holiday as and when we like to do so. So, I think we know the difficulty in the workmen recording their votes.

In any case, it will be hardly any occasion for any Adjournment Motion like this. If every man has a vote, even if he is not paid the salary, he would sacrifice the day's salary in order to have the benefit of recording his vote and supporting the candidate for whom he has his sympathies. So, even then, it would not have been

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any breach of the law. But I think the arrangements that we have made are more than adequate for enabling the people to record their votes.

Shri S. M. Banerjee rose—

Mr. Speaker: There must be an end to this. The hon. Members must have thought in advance of any objections that may be possibly anticipated and then speak. I gave the hon. Member an opportunity. I have heard both sides. It is not a matter of serious public importance. As a matter of fact, the hon. Minister has said that so far as State industrial undertakings are concerned, all facilities should be given to the workers, and that the time which is taken for going to and from the polling station and recording their votes will be treated as part of the working day. Full salary will be given to them for that period.

The hon. Members who have tabled this Adjournment Motion evidently want that irrespective of the time taken for going and voting, it should be declared a holiday. Some people may be close to the polling station; some people may be far away. But whosoever he might be, irrespective of the distance of the polling station, the hon. Members evidently want to say, "Come along, declare it a holiday" and then censure the Government for not doing so. I am not in favour of it.

As a matter of fact, elections are a normal feature of democracy. There may be a by-election; there may be a municipal election; there is a *panchayat* election; and an Assembly election and a Parliament election, not to speak of various other elections. Therefore, in addition to the normal holidays, if we close for this election also, it may mean your going back to your respective constituencies. I am not in favour of this Adjournment Motion.

Shri Yagnik (Ahmedabad) rose—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Members

leader of a group, he could have risen before the hon. Minister replied. I am now on my legs.

So far as Parliament is concerned, we come from various parts of this country. 500 Members are meeting here and discharging their business. I have absolutely no objection to allow any member of the staff to a reasonable time to go and record the votes. I shall treat that time as part of the working hours. They will get full salary for that time. There would not be any withholding of salary for that period.

I do not give my consent to this Adjournment Motion.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Only one point, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: No more point.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

AMENDMENTS TO MEDICINAL AND TOILET PREPARATIONS (EXCISE DUTIES) RULES

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Medicinal and Toilet Preparations (Excise Duties) Act, 1955, a copy of each of the following Notifications, making certain further amendments to the Medicinal and Toilet Preparations (Excise Duties) Rules, 1956:

- (1) S.R.O. No. 4031 dated the 21st December, 1957.
- (2) S.R.O. No. 4100 dated the 28th December, 1957.
- (3) S.R.O. No. 4101 dated the 28th December, 1957.
- (4) S.R.O. No. 97 dated the 11th January, 1958.
- (5) S.R.O. No. 98 dated the 11th January, 1958.
- (6) S.R.O. No. 365 dated the 1st February, 1958.

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**CALLING ATTENTION TO MAT-
TER OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE****REPORTED RETRENCHMENT OF ARTISTES IN
A.I.R.**

Shri Muhammed Elias (Howrah): Under rule 197 I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"Reported retrenchment of 600 'C' class artistes of the Calcutta Station of the All India Radio."

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Sir, I beg to make the following statement in reply to the allegations of retrenchment. Casual artistes are not employees of A.I.R. Their names are maintained in a list and they are eligible for being booked only as and when called for broadcasts over the Radio. Most of them are employed regularly in some profession or other and the question of retrenchment from the A.I.R. does not arise at all.

All stations of A.I.R. maintain such lists. All those who are desirous of broadcasting over the Radio are screened by the Audition Committees and lists are prepared by them. The Committees grade them according to their quality. Casual calls for performances are given to the artistes included in such lists as and when the station needs them. It has always been made clear that keeping an artiste on the eligibility roll does not confer any right whatsoever. The artiste also is quite free to decline any offer made to him.

Artistes are graded according to their quality into A, B or C classes with an option for re-audition for upgrading them when demanded or when necessary. It was found by experience that the broadcasts of artistes in the lowest or C class led to such decline in standard that complaints from

quality of music became voluminous and persistent. The large volume of complaints received led to a thorough examination of the whole problem and it was decided, as an experimental measure, that independent programmes of longer duration might not be given to artistes who are in the C class as their performance bores and scares the public.

However, in order to utilise these artistes and to give them an incentive for bettering or improving their performance and thus getting into higher category, it was also decided, at the same time, that regular performances or concerts might be held periodically in which a number of such artistes will be called together and where they will give short performances, the idea being that any talented performance by any particular artiste should single him out for further consideration and upgrading.

It will, therefore, be clear that there is neither any question of retrenchment, nor even any question of elimination, of these artistes. The problem is of improving them so that performances are better and the quality of the music that the public gets does not suffer. I would like to draw attention to the fact that even ordinarily the artistes whose names are maintained in the C class cannot get a call generally in less than three months. It is possible that some of them might get a call in six months or even once in the year, their number being very large. They do not, and cannot, depend on this for their livelihood and, therefore, there can be no question of any hardship being caused.

All India Radio, as a broadcasting organisation, owes a duty to the public and has to maintain some minimum standard in the music programmes that it gives. When it finds that there is persistent criticism and protest against low quality of music performances, it has to take steps to improve its service. The practice of

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tion programmes to artistes in C class has been taken as a normal measure for improvement and is common to all A.I.R. stations and not to Calcutta alone. I would like also to call attention to the eligibility of any of these artistes, who continue to improve, of being upgraded and put in a better category at any time.

It would, therefore, be misleading to call any change in the list of C class artistes as retrenchment. On the contrary, A.I.R. has been extremely considerate to these artistes by allowing them group concert performances. If listeners' reactions were to be taken into consideration, they would have to be eliminated completely.

STATEMENT RE: MURDER OF THREE R.M.S. EMPLOYEES IN A TRAIN

Shri Tangamani (Madurai): Before the hon. Minister makes a statement, may I make a submission on this point? There was an adjournment motion on the 14th, and you were pleased to direct the Minister to make a statement. In this connection, I would like to say that I have given notice of a Short Notice Question; I believe, Mr. Raghunath Singh has also tabled a S.N.Q. So, in the course of the statement, I would like the Minister to cover these points also. I would also like to know whether in this particular area there was some accident during last year.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister can only give whatever information he has got. If he has not got this information, I will ask him to get it. The enquiry may be going on.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao (Khammam): I would request that the S.N.Q. may also be replied to.

Mr. Speaker: Only if it is allowed. Unfortunately, hon. Members do not know how to utilize this opportunity. In spite of their experience in the matter. If the S.N.Q. has not been allowed yet, and if it contains mat-

ters which are not referred to now by the hon. Minister, I shall ask him to answer them later on.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: It is a question of delay.

Mr. Speaker: We are sitting here from day to day.

Shri Tangamani: The S.N.Q. relates to the other Ministry, the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): This relates to the murder of three R.M.S. employees in 3 A.T.F. passenger train between Agra and Tundla in the night of 12th March 1958.

The facts of the case, as ascertained from the Assistant Inspector-General, Government Railway Police, Allahabad, are furnished below.

The passenger train in question left Agra Cantt. at 10-30 p.m. on 12-3-1958. The R.M.S. van was placed 5th from the engine and 6th from the Guard's brake. The train stopped for 3 minutes at the outer signal of Raja-ki-Mandi and again for 32 minutes at the outer signal of Agra City station for crossing of a train. Other halts at stations were scheduled ones. The train reached Tundla at 12-30 p.m. where robbery and murder were detected for the first time. The R.M.S. clerk there went to deliver mail bags and found the mail van bolted from inside. There was no response to his knocking. The off side door of the mail van was also found locked with the railway keys. This door was got opened when it was discovered that mail guard Bhagwan Singh and porter Sheo Saran Singh had been murdered in the mail van with multiple stabbing wounds on their body. Another R.M.S. porter Mahi Lal, who belonged to Tundla R.M.S. and was to take duty in 11 Up train from Tundla to Delhi was also found similarly murdered in the adjoining compartment directly connected with the mail van. Porter Mahi Lal was not travelling on duty but was travelling along with

the 2 R.M.S. employees on duty in order to reach Tundla in time to take up his duty in 11 Up train.

All mail bags were found scattered and contents of only insured parcels and insured covers missing. The total loss estimated by R.M.S. officers is about Rs. 3,000.

The C.I.D., U.P., have taken up the investigation and the Government Railway Police and District Police are assisting them.

Shri Braj Raj Singh (Firozabad): May I know whether any compensation has been ordered to be paid to the dependents of the people murdered?

Mr. Speaker: They would not be keeping quiet. Naturally, they will do it.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: They were all very young people—aged 25 or 28 years. Non-payment will cause a lot of hardship to their dependents.

Mr. Speaker: The law will take its own course.

In regard to the statement made by the hon. Minister just now, Shri Tangamani and Shri T. B. Vittal Rao have suggested that the points referred to in the Short Notice Questions on the same subject may also be answered. This suggestion would apply to other Ministers also. The practice in this Secretariat is that as soon as notices of Short Notice Questions are received, advance copies are straightaway sent to the Ministries concerned. Whenever a calling attention notice is received, that is also sent to the Minister, along with the Short Notice Question, if any, so that his answer may be comprehensive.

I would suggest that in future, whenever a Minister makes a statement on the floor of the House in pursuance of an earlier direction, or in answer to a Calling Attention Notice, he will kindly answer all those points that have been raised in the

Short Notice Questions and other questions on the same subject; notices of which would have reached him before that date; that is to say, if it is possible to get the information by that time, let the statement be as comprehensive as possible, instead of replying only to a particular point for the time being and then making a fuller statement later on. If a full statement is made by the hon. Minister, it will avoid my admitting the Calling Attention Notices or the Short Notice or other Questions on the same subject. This is for future guidance.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I would like to make a submission. This case is under police investigation, and we have deliberately made the statement rather brief, in order not in any way to prejudice the investigations by the police.

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): May I ask for a clarification. The hon. Minister has just stated that a peon, who was to take over from Tundla, was also found murdered. How could it be possible that a person who was to take over from a station which the train had not yet reached at the time of the accident was found in the train? That is one thing which I want him to explain.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member was himself a Minister. We do not allow supplementary questions on a statement. Anyhow, the fact is that the man has been murdered. We are not going to revive the man, who has been murdered, by such questions. Now we will have to get into the cause of it and that is under Police investigation.

An Hon. Member: Get the statement clarified.

Mr. Speaker: He has read whatever he has got.

(Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Bill

PUBLIC PREMISES (EVICTION OF UNAUTHORISED OCCUPANTS) BILL

Mr. Speaker: The House will now take up further consideration of the motion for concurrence moved by the hon. Minister yesterday regarding the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Bill. The hon. Minister may continue his speech.

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the debate that followed yesterday after I made the Motion for Concurrence quite a large ground has been covered by hon. Members who participated in the debate. They have made a number of points, some of them of course major ones but most of them relating to various provisions in the Bill may be termed of a minor nature. May I express my thankfulness to the various hon. Members who have thrown some light on some aspects of this Bill and who have also made some constructive suggestions for the consideration of the Joint Committee. Obviously, it will not be possible for me to take up all the points that were made by hon. Members yesterday nor I think it is necessary on my part to do so at this stage. If it is realised that this Bill is going to the Joint Committee—a large Joint Committee comprising of about 45 persons—one may be sure that the various points that have been made by hon. Members in the course of their speeches will receive due attention at the hands of the Joint Committee. So, I shall content myself in the course of my reply to refer to some of the major points that were made yesterday in the course of the debate.

One of the main points that were made yesterday was that if we take all aspects into account, there is really no need for a Bill of this kind at all. In fact, one of the hon. Members pointed out that, particularly after hearing my speech, the impression that he had for the necessity of a Bill of this kind was modified and that he had to revise his opinion and

come to the conclusion that there was no necessity for a bill of this kind—I am referring to my hon. friend Shri Bharucha. It was also pointed out by some hon. Member—I think it was Shri D. C. Sharma—that we should not short-circuit the process of ordinary law and seek for special powers of this nature to deal with the problems that we have got to face.

I thought that I had given sufficient facts and figures in the course of my speech yesterday which indicated the magnitude of this problem and which highlighted the necessity for Government to have some special powers to devise a speedy machinery by which eviction of unauthorised occupants of public premises would take place. I gave certain figures—possibly I mentioned in the course of my speech that about Rs. 10 lakhs were involved as damages, which had to be recovered and certain number of buildings which were under unauthorised occupation in cities like Bombay and Calcutta—and they created the impression that the problem that we have got to meet now is not a very acute one. But I would like to point out that I mentioned yesterday another fact which is very important. I mentioned that in Delhi today there are more than 9,500 unauthorised structures. There are about 15,000 squatters in these unauthorised structures and something has to be done in order to speed up the building programme of the Government for the very persons, to some extent, who are squatters there now.

I would also like to point out that this Bill not only provides for the eviction of unauthorised persons from unauthorised occupation of premises but also deals with the recovery of arrears of rent. This is a very important matter which I did not mention yesterday. I would like to say that so far as recovery of arrears of rent is concerned, the information that we have received from the various ministries discloses the startling fact that about Rs. 1.42 crores are in arrears from the various persons who

are occupying Government premises. We should surely, in the interest of our national exchequer, take certain speedy steps for the recovery of all these arrears of rent, which is of a very high order.

So, I do not think that it will be said—it can be said by anyone—that we are not face to face with a problem of such magnitude that we are not facing a very acute situation. After all, it is in the public interest that we have got to have these extraordinary and special powers and that we want to set up a speedy machinery for eviction of persons who are in unauthorised occupation of public premises, for the recovery of rent, etc. So, the need is there and is felt very keenly. It is only against this background that the Government have come forward with a Bill of this nature. Let it not be forgotten that we had some such machinery during all these nearly twenty years. It is not as if the Government is coming forward now for the first time to seek for itself powers of this nature because during all this period there had been necessity for powers of this kind and there has been legislation in order to vest Government with such powers.

The reason why we are coming forward with the present measure, viz., to replace the existing Public Premises (Eviction) Act, 1950, by this Bill, has already been indicated to the House yesterday in the course of my speech. During recent months certain High Courts in our country have held that certain provisions of the existing Act offend against the provisions of the Constitution. I have given the details already and it is not necessary for me to cover the same ground again.

It was, however, suggested by one hon. Member that in the light of this development we need not have rushed to the House by bringing a Bill of this kind. We could have taken steps to take the matter to the Supreme Court and sought the judgment of the Supreme Court in respect of

the various High Court judgments. The argument sounds very plausible; but let us look at the practical difficulties. If we had gone to the Supreme Court—in fact we took permission to go to the Supreme Court from two of the High Courts—then the papers had to be prepared and the Supreme Court had to give a suitable date for hearing. We were advised by the Law Ministry that it would take anywhere about two years in order to get an order of the Supreme Court in regard to these contentious points. During all these two years what are we to do? We are advised that under the provisions of the existing Act, we have no redress and it would be advisable for us not to invoke the provisions of the existing Act for the purpose we have in view. So, there will be a stalemate, as it were, and for a year or two we will have no remedy in these cases where such a remedy is called for. It is under these circumstances that we thought that since there was considerable force—at least in the course of the judgments of the Calcutta High Court and the East Punjab High Court—that we can accept the position as stated by them in their judgments and come forward with a bill of this nature which would by and large, to the maximum extent, meet the points raised by them.

I do not think that anyone will contend that unauthorised occupation of public premises by itself is an exercise of fundamental rights and whatever we may do in that regard will be an infringement of the fundamental rights of the citizens of the country. I do not believe that it is anyone's case. But what has been pointed out by the Calcutta High Court and the East Punjab High Court is that when this concrete right, as was mentioned yesterday by Shri Patta-bhi Raman, is vested or conferred on the citizens of the country, there should be only a reasonable restriction of such fundamental right in public interests. So, that it should be in the public interest is quite obvious

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and is accepted by one and all. The whole question points to what are reasonable restrictions.

It was the contention in the judgment of the High Court to which I made reference that the restrictions imposed by the existing Act are not reasonable.

Shri Naushir Bharucha (East Khadesh): What is the reference to the case—Law report No.?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The hon. Member has written to me and I will find out the reference and communicate it to him.

The question before the House was to bring forward a Bill which, in the opinion of Parliament and in the opinion of every one concerned would be a fair one, providing for a proper procedure, providing for appeals to judicial officers, by the exercise of which powers one may be fairly sure that only a reasonable restriction is being imposed on the fundamental right.

Some reference was made to the judgment of the Allahabad High Court. It is true that the Allahabad High Court held that the provisions of this Bill infringe article 14 of the Constitution, that they are discriminatory. In this connection, I would like to take a few minutes of this House and point out that the Allahabad High Court itself in the course of its judgment said that the necessity for evicting unauthorised persons from Government premises in a speedy and effective manner is a laudable object, and there can be no doubt that the Government does at times stand in need of speedy recovery of possession over its property. That is a basic thing that the Allahabad High Court itself conceded. They further went on to say that this necessity offers an intelligible basis of differentiation between the occupants of Government premises and the occupants of private premises.

In this connection, I would also like to point out that article 14 of the Constitution has been the subject of interpretation in several cases by the Supreme Court in the past. In a recent judgment of the Supreme Court in February, 1968,—I came to know about it yesterday—it has been stated as follows:

"It is now well established that while article 14 forbids class legislation, it does not forbid reasonable classification for the purpose of legislation. In order, however, to pass the test of permissible classification, two conditions must be fulfilled, namely (i) that the classification must be founded on an intelligible differentialia which distinguishes persons or things that are grouped together from others left out of the group, and (ii) that the differentialia must have a rational relation to the object sought to be achieved by the statute in question. Classification may be founded on different bases namely geographical or objects or occupations or the like. What is necessary is that there must be a nexus between the basis of classification and the object of the Act under consideration."

It will be seen that the classification between occupants of private premises and those of public premises is founded on an intelligible differentialia and that the difference in this case has rational relation to the object sought to be achieved by this Bill. Hence, legislation on the lines of the present Bill cannot be held to be ultra vires on the ground that it offends against article 14 of the Constitution. If it becomes necessary for this matter to be taken to the Supreme Court either by the parties concerned or by the Government concerned, we shall look into it. We are at present advised that there is not much of substance in the position taken up by the Allahabad High Court.

Though not strictly relevant to the purposes of this Bill in the legal sense several hon. Members have spoken about the extremely difficult conditions in which the refugees are living. They have referred to the acute distress which is their lot. They have also said that before we eject any refugees from unauthorised occupation of public premises, alternative accommodation should be given and that until alternative accommodation is given, there should be no eviction whatsoever. Also it has been said that in the past when a similar Bill was being piloted by my distinguished predecessor Shri Gadgil, certain assurances were given to Parliament that there will be no wholesale eviction of these refugees from unauthorised occupation, that every care would be taken to give all possible relief and every endeavour will be made to give them alternative accommodation as far as possible and in some cases compensation also, etc. It was stated by my hon. friend Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava and one or two others that these assurances were not honoured at all, that these assurances were not kept in view by the Government and that they have been set at naught.

I would like to say in all humility that this statement is absolutely incorrect. I have got before me a statement which indicates the various assurances that the then Minister gave to Parliament. I would like to say on the basis of information that I have got here that all these assurances were, by and large, duly implemented. I will take a couple of minutes of the House to read out what exactly has been done in this connection because I do not want Parliament to continue to have the impression that the assurances given to Parliament in the past have not been honoured.

Alternative accommodation was given to all persons who were included in the survey conducted in 1962. An allotment committee was constituted and on their recommendation, sector-wise plans were prepared and

implemented. Alternative accommodation was provided as far as practicable near the place of business or employment of displaced persons. About 27,700 persons had been given alternative accommodation in rehabilitation colonies or aid for rehabilitation. Ex-gratia payment for structures which had been demolished or which may be demolished was sanctioned in November, 1955. Cash grants totalling Rs. 25 lakhs and hutment charges amounting to Rs. 166,000, and building materials worth Rs. 339,000 were given by the Government. Fairly good constructions which, with some modifications could be made to comply with the municipal by-laws were regularised and the land was allotted to the owners of such constructions. Each and every case was examined by the Committee in detail. Orders regarding allotment of land to the squatters on a no-profit no-loss basis were issued by the Ministry of Health in November, 1955. No displaced persons squatting on private land approached Government for any relief. With regard to writing off of arrears and damages, Government gave a more liberal relief than that promised by Shri Gadgil. Damages were written off in the case of all squatters up to 31st December, 1951 instead of up to 31st August, 1949 indicated by Shri Gadgil. The implementation of Shri Gadgil's assurances was closely watched and pursued by the Committee of Assurances of this House and in their Third Report presented to Parliament in December, 1956, the Committee came to the conclusion that the assurances had been satisfactorily implemented. In the light of this, it is very uncharitable, to say the least, to say that the assurances given by the Government in the past have not been honoured or implemented.

Shri Namsair Bharucha: Are you giving similar assurances.

Shri K. C. Reddy: It has been asked whether some assurances or similar assurances would not be given on the

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present occasion. I would like to say that I greatly sympathise with the unfortunate situation in which these persons are placed. I do appreciate the kind of approach that is made by hon. Members of this House to this question. It should not be understood that any Member of the Government is lacking in the same degree of sympathy which the hon. Members show to the people who are in such unfortunate circumstances. It is because of this that the Government have taken up a large-scale programme of construction, a large-scale programme of rehabilitation in order to improve the standard of living of our people, in order to usher in a welfare State in our country. That is a larger question and I do not want to dilate on the larger question on the present occasion. I want to submit that during the last few years, the Ministry of Rehabilitation and other Ministries have taken up large-scale schemes for putting up a number of colonies in order to rehabilitate these unfortunate displaced persons. In addition to that, the Government of India have taken up several housing schemes. As the House is aware, there is this construction programme. I mean, they are putting up various structures at Government cost for the occupation of government officers, etc. In addition to this, they have several industrial housing schemes in the country. I am referring to the subsidised industrial housing schemes, low income group housing schemes, slum clearance schemes and plantation labour housing scheme, etc. And all these activities have been going on. It would not be correct to say that the Government is not mindful of the intricate problem that is involved in this question, and that they are not taking satisfactory or sufficient steps in order to meet the situation. It is true all this cannot be done in a period of five years or ten years; it has to be done progressively, but as speedily as possible, without succumbing to any sense of complacency or anything of that kind.

All this is being done, but if you want me to give an assurance that in every case automatically, as a matter of compulsion as it were, we are going to provide alternative accommodation whenever persons who are in unauthorised occupation of public premises are evicted, I think it will be too much for me to give such an assurance, or to take such a responsibility. Much less could I introduce any provision in this Bill which is before the House, statutorily to provide for a solution or a redress of that kind.

Then, various other points have been made in respect of the provisions of the Bill. One main point that has been made is regarding the scope of this Bill. The question has been asked: why should this Bill cover the premises belonging to the Delhi Development Authority, whether such premises are in the possession of, or leased out by, the said Authority, and premises belonging to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi or Municipal Committee or Notified Area Committee?

It is true that this Bill wants particularly to evict persons in unauthorised occupation of public premises belonging to the Central Government. It is only in the case of Delhi, as I pointed out yesterday, that an exception has been made. Delhi has been treated as a special case, and whereas the properties of other local bodies have not been brought into the purview of this Bill or the operation of this Bill, Delhi has, however, had to be brought in.

In Delhi we have got a large building programme. Delhi is expanding fast, as hon. Members are aware, and we have got several authorities set up in order to see that Delhi develops on a planned and proper basis. The Delhi Development Authority Act was passed only recently by this House. Several provisions of the Act hon. Members are aware of. If the Delhi Development Authority in the course

requires badly for putting up any additional colonies, or putting up any structures, or planning out the whole thing in a proper manner, is not at its disposal, and it will be driven to the necessity of going to an ordinary court of law and spend years and years before it gets such plots of land, then you can easily imagine how badly, how prejudicially, the development of Delhi will be affected. It is because of that reason that Delhi has been treated as a case *sui generis*, and provision has been made to bring Delhi within the operation of the provisions of this Bill.

Then, it has been said by some hon. Members that the Estate Officers whom we seek to appoint under this Bill will be sometimes not very competent persons, they will be sort of omnibus officers discharging various responsibilities, they will exercise their powers in an arbitrary manner etc. I do not think there is any justification for any apprehension of that kind. The Estate Officers whom the Government will appoint must be officers of gazetted status, people who may be expected to know what they are about, by and large I mean; and what is more important, the procedure that they have to follow has been more or less clearly laid down in this Bill itself. Several provisions of the Bill prescribe the procedure that has to be followed. They cannot act in an arbitrary manner.

One Member suggested that the Estate Officer can make his own rules. It is a totally incorrect statement. He cannot make his own rules. In fact, apart from the provisions that have been actually provided for in this Bill, under the rule-making power under clause 13 of this Bill, it is the Government that will have to make the rules, and those rules as the House is aware, will have to come before Parliament, will have to be placed before Parliament, and 30 days will have to be given to Parliament to consider those rules and to take steps to modify any such rules if they deem fit.

Another point I would like to stress in this connection, and it is this. These Estate Officers are subject constantly to the control of their superior authorities in the governmental apparatus. It is not as if they can act as independent officers without any check over them from above. There is a further safeguard that the decisions of these Estate Officers are appealable. The aggrieved person may go to a judicial officer and seek remedy. So, the Estate Officer is supervised from above by the superior officers, and from below by the possible decisions of a judicial officer. So, there are all these safeguards. So to say that these Estate Officers will act arbitrarily, I think, is not founded on facts. It is baseless.

It was also asked whether these Estate Officers were also going to function as revenue officers, and it was in that connection the phrase "omnibus officer" was indulged in, if I may say so, by an hon. Member. No, the Estate Officer is not going to function as a revenue officer. What he will do is this: he will give the certificate or pass on the papers to the Collector or the revenue officer, and it will be the revenue officer who will take the necessary steps to recover the arrears as arrears of land revenue. So, I do not think there is any justification for the apprehension that these Estate Officers will either be incompetent, or will not be equal to their task, or will exercise their powers in an arbitrary manner, or will do anything that they like.

Then, several suggestions have been made regarding the procedure of giving notice etc. As I pointed out yesterday I believe, in addition to the giving of notice by beat of drums or by affixing on the outer door or some other conspicuous part of the public premises the contents of the notice etc., it is stipulated that the Estate Officer may also cause copies of the notice to be served on the persons principally concerned, either by post or by delivery or tendering the notice to them. It has been suggested that

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it is only discretionary; he may do it or he may not do it, but if you do know who the unauthorised persons are, if they are not traceable, not to be readily found, what else to do? We have to go to the place unauthorisedly occupied, give some notice, some constructive notice there. But if we know, if we happen to know, who the persons are that are really concerned, then we can assume that this kind of written notice will certainly be given to the party.

Shri Nausbir Bharucha: If the name is not known, on whose door will you affix the notice?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Anyway, I would not like to go into the various details. All these safeguards have been put in in this Bill. I do not want to refer to the provisions of this Bill regarding procedure etc. It will take me a long time, and I am already overstepping, I am afraid, the time that has been given to me for my reply, but I would like to say this, that on most of the suggestions and the apprehensions that the hon. Members had in their minds when they made speeches yesterday regarding the matter of notice, or the holding of the enquiry, or the procedure to be followed, or the manner in which damages will have to be assessed etc., with regard to all these matters, Government are going to frame detailed rules in pursuance of clause 13 of this Bill, and they cannot get away with whatever rules they may make. The Joint Committee may also go into this question and make suggestions. These rules, as I said a little while ago, have to be placed before Parliament, and for a period of 30 days Parliament may consider these various rules, and then if they want any modifications to be made, they are at liberty to make such modifications. So, the fundamental objection that my hon. friend Shri D. C. Sharma had with regard to this matter, I think, has no real validity.

This kind of subordinate legislation is resorted to in almost every Bill

that comes before the House. It is not a new thing that we are doing for the first time in respect of this Bill. The purposes for which rules have to be made are more or less of a routine and administrative character, and I do not think any one can take very serious objection to having delegated all these matters to subordinate legislation.

I do not think I need take more time of the House in referring to various other points. As I said in the beginning, a number of detailed suggestions have been made. Some of them are very helpful and certainly the Joint Committee will have to go into them very carefully. I have no doubt in my mind that the Joint Committee will give its earnest thought to the various suggestions that have been made and I hope that the Bill, as it will emerge out of the deliberations of the Joint Committee, will be a more acceptable one even to those Members who had reasons to criticise certain provisions of the Bill in the course of the debate yesterday.

With these remarks, I commend my motion of concurrence to the acceptance of the House.

Shri B. K. Galkwad (Nasik): On a point of information. Is there any scheme in the view of the Government to provide houses to those who are homeless and staying here in Delhi, before they are evicted from the places?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I have answered that point already.

Mr. Speaker: I hope there is no alteration or addition to the list of names as originally placed before the House. I shall put the question to the House.

The question is:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of Rajya Sabha

that the House do join the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Bill, 1958, made in the motion adopted by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 12th March, 1958, and communicated to this House on the 14th March, 1958 and resolves that the following members of Lok Sabha be nominated to serve on the said Joint Committee:—

Shri N. B. Maithi, Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani, Shri Naval Prabhakar, Shri T. N. Viswanatha Reddy, Shri Vutukuru Ram Reddy, Shrimati Masida Ahmed, Shri Jhulan Sinha, Shri Phola Raut, Shri Chhaganlal M. Kedaria, Sardar Amar Singh Jaigal, Shri M. Sankarapandian, Shri M. K. Shivanarajappa, Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi, Shri Shobha Ram, Shri S. Ahmad Mendi, Shri Kanhaiya Lal Balmiki, Shri Sinhasan Singh, Shri Padam Dev, Shri Shivram Rango Rane, Shri Chintamani Panigrahi, Shri P. K. Kodiyan, Shri Mohan Swarup, Shri Braj Raj Singh, Shri Subman Ghose, Shri Jaipal Singh, Shri Surendra Mahanty, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri B. N. Datar, Shri Anil K. Chanda and Shri K. C. Mehta.

The motion was adopted.

*DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

Mr. Speaker: The House will now take up discussion on the Demands for Grants Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 106 relating to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. As the House is aware, 6 hours have been allotted for the Demands of this Ministry.

There are a number of cut motions to these various Demands. Hon. Members may hand over at the Table within 15 minutes the numbers of the selected cut motions which they propose to move. I shall ask the Members to move them if the members in whose names these cut motions stand

are present in the House and the motions are otherwise in order.

The time-limit for speeches will, as usual, be 15 minutes for the members including movers of cut motions, and 20 to 30 minutes if necessary, for Leaders of Groups.

DEMAND NO. 1—MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 60,89,000 be granted to the President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry'".

DEMAND NO. 2—INDUSTRY

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 24,66,74,000 be granted to the President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Industry'".

DEMAND NO. 3—SALT

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,44,87,000 be granted to the President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Salt'".

DEMAND NO. 4—COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND STATISTICS

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 73,16,000 be granted to the

*Moved with the recommendation of the President.

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President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Commercial Intelligence and Statistics'".

DEMAND NO. 5—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENDITURE UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,74,75,000 be granted to the President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry'".

DEMAND NO. 106—CAPITAL OUTLAY OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 11,86,07,000 be granted to the President to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1959, in respect of 'Capital Outlay of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry'".

Shri Prabhat Kar (Hooghly): Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has a pivotal role in our economy. Its importance is heightened in a period of economic planning and it is the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and it includes co-ordination—which make or mar the success of our Plan. I regret to have to say that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the little other wings of the Government, is not alive to its responsibilities and its record of work and programme for the coming year are open to very serious criticism.

We have not yet been given the report of the working of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, but we have been given a summary.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): Usually this report is always placed before the demands come in for discussion. But this time the demands have been brought earlier than they were to be. It was so timed that it will come before that date. They are under print and so we could not get them. Therefore, this summary has been given.

Shri V. P. Nayar (Quilon): Cyclostyled copies could have been given. It is impossible to discuss some of these things without the report.

Shri Bimal Ghose (Barrackpore): The hon. Minister knew it was coming.

Shri Morarji Desai: I knew three days earlier.

Shri Prabhat Kar: The order could have been changed.

Mr. Speaker: This administrative report relates to the last year, not this year. Therefore, nearly 10 months were there. Hon. Ministers may see that hereafter by the time the general discussion takes place, all the reports are in the hands of hon. Members because the general discussion itself will not be useful unless the various reports are available to hon. Members. All hon. Members may not be interested in every subject, but the general discussion is intended to cover all the subjects. Therefore, I urge upon all hon. Ministers to see that sufficiently well in advance of the general discussion, the reports are placed in the hands of hon. Members.

Shri Morarji Desai: I will see that next year this slip does not take place.

Mr. Speaker: There is no question of slip; the Minister will never do that. But it so happened this year. Year

after year what happens is just at the time before that particular demand is taken up, the report is placed in the hands of the Members. I would like it to be changed. All the reports relating to all the Ministries, whenever their demands may come up for discussion, must be in the hands of Members well in advance of the time that is fixed for the general discussion, so that hon. Members may study and each one may attend to a particular matter. That will be started next year.

Shri Prabhat Kar: You appreciate the difficulties that we are faced with. But in spite of that, as the failings of the Commerce and Industry are numerous, we shall try to place before the House for its consideration exactly how this Ministry has functioned.

Naturally, dealing with the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the first item that comes into our mind is the question of the foreign exchange crisis. Although it may be said that it is a matter for the Ministry of Finance, because of the irresponsible working of the Commerce Ministry, the whole country has been today pressed into such an awkward position of foreign exchange shortage. As a result thereof, the Plan being the life-vein of our country's economy, there is every possible chance of its being torpedoed.

We know that today after the difficult position created by the so-called liberal licensing in the year 1956, a restriction has been imposed. But that again clearly shows that there is no plan behind the working of the Commerce and Industry Ministry. Perhaps from 1939-40, we are having this exchange control. We can leave the period that was under the foreign rule. From 1947 onwards this foreign exchange control was there and we are today in the eighth year of our planned economy. Up till now no machinery has been found. No attempt has been made by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to know exactly how much licence has been used and how much licence up till now is still remaining un-utilised.

The other day, in reply to a question which was put on the 4th March by my friend, Shri V. P. Nayar, namely, whether the Government were maintaining a company-wise or firm-wise register of Import Licences granted by them, the answer was "No". On the 14th February, in reply to another question whether any estimate has been made as to the total amount of outstanding licences issued for imports during 1956 and 1957, the answer was:

"The information is not readily available; it is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House."

We are having a planned economy and yet we know nothing. Although we know full well the role of the foreign exchange in the fulfilment of the targets of our Plan, there is no machinery of the Commerce and Industry Ministry and no attempt has been made by the Ministry to know exactly what is the actual position. All the time they are coming before the House and telling before the people that we have been put into a foreign exchange crisis and that when we have got a Plan, this is the automatic result.

Before placing all these things before the country, it is the duty of the Commerce and Industry Ministry to tell the House and the people exactly what is the position today. Only the other day, it was surprising that there was a circular from one importing company that they have just got the German silver-plated ware and rosenthal crockery. These licences must have been given during 1956. We cry for foreign exchange and we grant licences for importing rosenthal crockery and say that this has been done because we need all these things for the fulfilment of the Plan. What is the position today? I would say that there was no plan in granting the licences in the year 1956 and there is no plan today also restricting the licence.

I would give only one particular instance before I further deal with the

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point of foreign exchange. Take for instance the watch-making industry. No effort has been made by the Commerce and Industry Ministry to encourage watch making. There is absolutely no watch manufacturer in this country, nor has any attempt been made in this direction. Restrictions have been imposed on the import of watches, as a result of which there is smuggling of watches. What is the result? Government lose revenue, but foreign exchange is lost through smuggling. This clearly shows that there is no planning while imposing restrictions.

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The value of imports during the Five Year Plan period was as follows:

1951-52	..	Rs. 890.39 crores
1952-53	..	" 642.49 "
1953-54	..	" 314.70 "
1954-55	..	" 633.40 "
1955-56	..	" 675.64 "

During the Plan period liquors, pearls and toilet requisites have been allowed to be imported. The amount may be from Rs. 2 crores to Rs. 3 crores. But the value is immaterial.

It is interesting because the value has not been falling proportionately. The figures during four years of the Plan period was: Rs. 2.44 crores, Rs. 1.33 crores, Rs. 1.72 crores and Rs. 2.21 crores. So, there has been no fall. These items have been allowed to be imported when we were facing a foreign exchange crisis. Again from replies to questions we find that fire works, liquors and other luxury items were allowed to be imported during 1955-57 as well as 1956-57. Silk piecegoods, cigars and cigarettes have been allowed to be imported to the tune of Rs. 30 crores.

Now we want the country and the people to tighten their belt. We say that the people should be prepared to suffer and sacrifice. We import luxury items to the tune of Rs. 30 crores and tell the people that it is necessary for

the Plan. This could have been avoided if only there had been a proper objective and scientific analysis of the whole matter.

I may in this connection refer to the position in China. The Indian Industrial Delegation which visited the United States of America, Canada and other countries, recently (between September to November 1957) said:

"Eight hundred dollars per capita foreign investment means nearly Rs. 4,000 in Indian currency and at that rate and for such high development India should require Rs. 1,60,000 crores of investment in India of which at least one-third, viz., nearly Rs. 50,000 crores would have to be in foreign currency. The conclusion to draw is that India cannot be developed without foreign capital which we shall continue to need for at least the next 25 years and in substantially large amounts."

I would only say that China with 50 per cent. bigger population than India, succeeded in getting a head start, with the help of foreign loans of only Rs. 1,059 crores spread over seven or eight years. It was said by the Prime Minister the other day that China was facing foreign exchange difficulties. Here is a publication by Shri P. C. Mahalanobis which gives the correct position. What was the foreign exchange that was needed for the development of China and what is the position today? He says:

"The Chinese example merely corroborates what an objective scientific analysis had brought out, namely, that India could have built up, and can build up, with the help of only a few hundred crores of foreign exchange those basic industries which would give her economic independence."

We are talking of the Plan; we are speaking in a manner that there is no possibility of the fulfilment of the

Plan targets. It is said that the Communist Party are sabotaging the Plan. But it has been conceded by no less a witness, I would say a witness of unimpeachable integrity, than Shri Chinta Man Deshmukh, when he said that he had no knowledge of the licences being granted and it was being done by two or three persons. It is in that context that we have to look into the whole thing and see as to who is responsible for creating this foreign exchange crisis. May I say that it is only necessary to look into the working of the T. T. K. and Sons what was the position of the T. T. K. and Sons six or seven years back and what is their financial position today. You go on carrying on this sort of activity and you change the Communist Party of not helping in the fulfilment of the target, or of sabotaging the Plan.

The next point I want to deal with relates to State trading. I should say that from our side we have been insisting for so many years on the necessity of State trading. As usual, it was refused earlier. Subsequently the proposal has somehow found favour with the ruling party. Now what is the position of State trading?

The other day, in reply to a question again by Shri V. P. Nayar, it was said that the outturn of the Birla group of business was Rs. 80 crores a year, while the outturn of the State Trading Corporation was only Rs. 10 crores. In a country like India if the outturn of State trading is only to the tune of Rs. 10 crores—excluding cement of course—what real purpose does it serve.

Take for instance tea. Tea is the most important export that we are making. What is the position of the tea industry? In whose hands is the tea industry? In a memorandum submitted by the I. N. T. U. C. it is said that "with the United Kingdom alone absorbing half the world tea exports and reexporting more than most countries import, it is natural for the 'world price' of tea to be 'made' in

London. It has been estimated, however, that 70 per cent of the domestic distributing trade is in the hands of only four combinations."

The monopoly grip of the auctions has to be broken if we really want to proceed with our Plan. You may not today nationalise the tea industry, but so far as the export of it is concerned it must be controlled by the State Trading Corporation. In the Calcutta Tea Auctions of 1956-57 of the Rs. 32 crores, 39 lakhs pounds of tea sold 95.85 per cent belonged to four British companies and three Indian companies had only 4.15 per cent. The four British companies made a total profit of Rs. 1 crore 25 lakhs in tea brokerage alone. Brokerage alone come to Rs. 1 crore 25 lakhs.

The question is one of selling tea to the foreign market and controlling the export effectively so that we can earn foreign exchange. But the State Trading Corporation has not at all cared to look into this matter, with the result that we are losing the market for tea. I would only quote the following to support this statement:

"Asked by a member of the Tea Board as to what was the difference between Ceylon tea and Indian tea, Mr. Alireza promptly replied: 'You better collect samples of Ceylon tea in the market and feel the difference by experts.'"

We are not exporting first-class tea. So, we are losing the market and we are losing also foreign exchange. Now if this were in the hands of the State Trading Corporation, It would have taken proper care to look not only into the question of blending, but also into the question of finding out market not merely the traditional market but also other new markets, and thereby we would have been in a position to ease the foreign exchange position to a great extent and also control tea which is one of the most important items in our commerce. But the State Trading Corporation has not cared to

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do this. I would urge that it should take up this particular business which is very vital for our national economy.

I now come to the National Small Industries Corporation and what help has been given to it by the Commerce and Industry Ministry. At present, we are importing capital goods, but I do not know whether proper care has been taken to see whether the parts of the machinery can be manufactured here in India. During the war period from 1939 to 1946, many parts of many items of machinery were manufactured here in India, and it was found at that time that the articles manufactured in India were on a par with those manufactured in other parts of the world. No attempt has been made to give encouragement to the large number of small manufacturers in Howrah, in Wellesley Road and other places, who could really manufacture good spare parts for machinery, if only proper help were given to them. But, up till now, in spite of representations, nothing has been done and we have to pay for the imported machinery; and because of delay in getting spare parts in time our projects suffer. And no proper help has been given to these small manufacturers. This is one of the most important things which the Ministry must look into.

Previously, our country used to export finished clothings. But slowly this has stopped, and as a result of it, quite a few thousands of tailors are suffering. If it were possible to export those things earlier, I would like to know why it has not been possible to find a market for them even now. No steps have been taken by the Commerce and Industry Ministry in this particular matter. If it were possible to find an export market for all these articles earlier, I think it is easier to find a market now when we have an independent India. I would request the Ministry to do something in regard to this matter.

Lastly, I come to the question of company law administration. I would

say that in spite of the amendment of the company law, the situation remains the same. I do not know why the Department of Company Law Administration has been brought under the Commerce and Industry Ministry. I would rather have liked that a special Ministry should have been there or that a special wing should have been there for this under the Finance Ministry. So, I feel that there was no necessity to have brought it under the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

However, it is under the Commerce and Industry Ministry today. And how is it working? If only we look at the Mundhra affairs, we know how exactly the public and private companies have been functioning. After the Mundhra deal was exposed in Parliament, we find Government taking steps for the various failures under the company law. But these were brought to the notice of the Ministry as long ago as 1955, and yet no steps were taken by the Ministry to ensure the proper functioning of this particular group of companies. This only reveals how serious the Ministry is in looking into the functioning of companies, either private or public. I would urge that if really the Ministry is serious that proper steps should be taken for the fulfilment of the Plan, then the role that the Ministry will have to play is not one of simply sitting over certain representations and files and carrying out a policy which is not linked up with the total policy of Government; if the Ministry does that, then it will be held responsible for having sabotaged the Plan which all the people today want to be fulfilled.

Today, we find the representatives of the Forum of Free Enterprise saying 'Did we not tell you before that this was an ambitious Plan? Did we not tell you before that we shall have to face a foreign exchange crisis?' I would say that it is possible for them to say so, because perhaps they knew that so far as the implementation by Government is concerned, every

time they would be committing mistakes and blunders; and therefore, they may be in a position to point out to the country. 'We told you earlier that this Plan being ambitious, it would not be possible for you to fulfil this Plan.' By giving room for them to say like this, Government are only playing into the hands of those big capitalists and the representatives of the Forum of Free Enterprise, whose only aim is to see that the Plan does not succeed, and the Commerce and Industry Ministry will then be charged with having abetted them in their attempt to torpedo the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri Bimal Ghose: About this time last year we were faced with a serious foreign exchange crisis. I am not going to recapitulate last year's story. This year, the Finance Minister has stated that there has been a considerable easing of the foreign exchange position. If one examines how this easing has come about, one finds that the position really is not satisfactory. The factors which have been mainly responsible for the easing of the present foreign exchange situation are: (i) foreign assistance, (ii) deferred-payment-based imports, and (iii) serious import restrictions.

Now, we have to realise that these are all expedients only, and we must strive for a position where balance of payments must really balance, taking, of course, into consideration normal capital transfers. The foreign assistance that we have been receiving is quite good, and it may also be true that we may be needing foreign assistance for a number of years. But we have to realise that foreign assistance can serve only as a catalytic agent. We must not depend on foreign assistance as such for our development. In every major case of development, it has been seen that the bulk of the capital needed has been supplied by the domestic process of capital formation, and I am sure the Minister will also agree to that. He would probably say that we should also utilise these funds for productive investment so

that these loans may be serviced. As a matter of fact, the Finance Minister yesterday while replying to the debate suggested in answer to the criticism made by my leader that those funds are being used productively. But we must realise the difference between productive use only and productive use which will give us a surplus of production over consumption. At the same time, we have also to see that that surplus, to a certain extent, is being channelled into export trade.

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Now, we are incurring loans, let us say, for development of railways. That will not itself give us the foreign exchange necessary to repay the loans. We must develop exports of other things which will enable us to service these loans. Although foreign exchange may be necessary, we should be careful to see that developments are taking place along the right lines and we are able to develop an export surplus.

Then, take for instance, the question of deferred payment based imports. I do not think that that is a very healthy process. Unless we can expect that in the course of the next three or four years our balance of payments will materially improve, there is no ground for allowing these imports on deferred term basis. What we are doing is that instead of having to pay something less in the immediate future, we are incurring liabilities of a larger amount for a little distant future. But are we sure that in the course of three or four years we will have sufficient export surplus?

Let us examine the position of our balance of payments. Take first the position of our balance of trade which constitutes the core of the balance of payments. Recently, our exports have suffered very badly, in spite of the fact that all the time, for the last two or three years, we have been resorting to measures for promoting exports. There have been export

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promotion councils, foreign trade board; there have been drawbacks of duties and excises given. Even so, in actual practice, we find that exports have gone down. Exports have gone down during April-September 1957 by about Rs. 21 crores compared to April-September 1956, and by about Rs. 82 crores compared to the period October 1956-March 1957.

Why is it that our exports have gone down, in spite of the fact that we have taken all measures to promote exports? An explanation is necessary. It may be stated that the terms of trade have gone against us. They will have gone against us to a certain extent because of the recent recession in trade. But we have to take that factor into account as the terms of trade will go against us sometime or other. They were in our favour after the Korean war, and although in certain phases our volume had suffered, yet we were able to maintain a sufficient surplus in terms of value.

It may be said again that we have to import for our development. That is quite true. But we must be able to face up to that situation. The main reason has been this fact, that we have not been able to develop an export surplus because the domestic consumption has been increasing under inflationary pressure. What is needed to be done today is that we must try to develop a surplus of production over consumption and direct a certain portion of that surplus into the export channel. The fact that we have failed to do so is reflected internally in the emergence of inflationary pressures, and externally in our balance of payments difficulties. What is being done to rectify that position?

One remedy which Government have adopted is to cut down imports very severely. But that is not a very useful process of increasing our exports. The idea is to increase our export surplus not by increasing exports but by cutting down our imports. That is what is actually being done. When

we analyse our exports and group them under four categories, as ECAFE has done, namely, consumption goods, materials chiefly for consumption goods, materials chiefly for capital goods, and capital goods, we find that during the last year or so—stretched over some more time—our imports of goods, materials chiefly for capital goods and capital goods, have been very much in excess of consumption goods, which should be so because we are in the process of developing our economy. It also means that at the same time we should have been trying to increase our export of other goods.

We have also to realise this fact that although attempts may have been made during the last two or three or four years, the pattern of our trade has not changed. Even today, tea, jute and cotton textiles constitute our main exports—over 50 per cent. of our total exports. Tea exports have gone down during the last year and a half. Jute has gone down. Textile export has not probably gone down, but has not been able to increase. We have to realise that these exports will probably go down, however much we may try that they should increase, because there are other factors. There is competition from other countries. Take, for instance, textiles. Last year and even this year, a considerable portion of our exports was to the Sudan. Sudan is developing her own industries, and then Sudan will not require our textiles. Similarly, in the case of tea, the Indonesia and Ceylon are competing with us. Jute is also suffering because substitutes are coming and Pakistan is going ahead.

We have to take these factors into account. If we say that we must maintain our exports as they are today—not only that, we must increase it—we are really striving for something which we cannot achieve. There comes about situations in international trade where conditions have changed and we must try to adapt ourselves to the changed conditions. What has been done in that regard? The severe restriction of imports has not always

had a very good effect because it has led to an increase in the domestic consumption of substitutes. Industries have been established to produce substitutes for commodities which were being imported. The result is that instead of developing an export surplus of consumption goods, we are having those articles produced internally to satisfy internal consumption. Therefore, we are not being able to develop an export surplus.

Another effect—which is a bad effect—of the severe restriction of imports, which has also been due to our unplanned efforts in the past, is that as soon as we restrict the import of materials specially for consumption goods, we find that industries in the country suffer. While we restrict import of consumption goods, we have allowed certain industries to flourish in this country which were using imported raw materials. As we cut down imports, these industries suffer. Therefore, there is a decline in production and also, unemployment.

There was some defect in the planning of our industrial development, as to what particular industries should have been allowed to be established. If we were trying to cut down imports, it did not necessarily mean that we must allow substitute industries to be developed in this country, but that should have been channelised so as to help our exports.

If this is the situation, what are we going to do about it? The main problem really is that we must strive to have a balance of payments which will normally balance itself. That is an economic law, which in spite of what my hon. friend, Shri Asoka Mehta, has said about the laws of economic growth, cannot be ignored. There are certain economic laws which will have to be taken into account. That applies to balance of payments. I think Shri Asoka Mehta will agree with that. Deficit financing under certain conditions may be utilised for assisting the process of development. That is quite true. But we have to

see that the balance of payments must balance, because that is an economic law which no laws of growth can ignore.

In order to do that, we have to set about and see what we can do. Can we develop our traditional exports like jute, tea and cotton textiles? Take the new engineering industry. We are talking about that. What can we do there? Probably from Rs. 2 to 3 crores can take them up to Rs. 10 or 12 crores. But, that does not meet our problems. What is the dimension of our problem? I may put it in this fashion. Let us say, our export earnings are about Rs. 600 crores a year and we can get, probably, foreign assistance and other things about Rs. 100 crores. So, that sets the limit, unless we get foreign assistance all the time for our imports.

But, if you take our imports, you will find that even without capital goods, our imports are of the order of Rs. 550 to Rs. 600 crores and we shall be requiring about Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 crores to service our loans. Then, where is the margin for the importation of capital goods? Is it the Government's intention that we should all the time be dependent on foreign assistance? If we cannot productively utilise the development of production over consumption and channel it towards export, then, it will be like what my leader said about Mundhra deals, contracting fresh loans to pay off old loans. But, we must try to do what my deputy leader said; we must try to develop a surplus and channel it into export.

We must go back to our original exports because our country is only a semi-industrialised country. We have not yet become an industrialised country that we can compete with industrialised countries like Japan, America and Great Britain. We have left the stage of a non-industrial country and become a semi-industrialised country. The result of that has been this. As a non-industrialised country we used to export a lot of consumption goods

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and articles chiefly for consumption goods. But, as we have not as yet developed into a really high-class manufacturing country, it is still necessary for us to develop the export of consumption goods, and particularly of primary products.

Here, the two desiderata seem to be, firstly that we must be self-sufficient in foodcrops and there is no prospect of our exporting any foodcrops or any cereals. But, there must be some prospect of developing an export trade in ores and minerals and, I think, the best machinery for that would be the State Trading Corporation.

I have come to the end of my story. What I wanted to say was this. If we proceed along the lines we have been proceeding, a serious crisis will face us. Foreign loans alone will not help us. We must try to see what the problem is an attempt to solve it on a permanent basis. That means increasing our export surplus. And for that we have to give our first attention to primary products. We talk about rephrasing of the Plan; but, I think and believe that a rephrasing of the Plan from the export angle has become imperative.

Shri Heda (Nizamabad): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, first I would like to express the gratitude of the whole country for yesterday's announcement about reduction of excise duty so far as the textile industry is concerned.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao (Khammam): And especially of the millowner!

Shri Heda: There was a crisis brewing in the textile industry. It was so even from the angle of my hon. friend Shri Vittal Rao because labour was feeling anxious over it. Now, the prices would come down and therefore there would be greater consumption of cloth. I hope the mills that had been closed and even other mills that were on the verge of closure or had served notices of closure

would open and the employment sector would be adequately served.

In this connection I would like to say that the crisis that we had seen in the textile industry is a good indicator to show to the Government which of the textile units are working efficiently and which others are not working so efficiently. After all, this Government has got a responsibility to see that the private sector also works very efficiently. We can find out which of those units, for various reasons, could not work well, as well as was expected of them. If suitable remedial measures could be taken, I am sure proper economic units will come into the field.

Then, I would like to refer to another point, a development which particularly attracted me this year. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have been holding their annual meetings year after year in the capital, particularly, soon after the Budget. We have been receiving invitations and some of us had been attending them. In the economy of our country, this Federation represents a particular element which we may term as the element of big business. Democracy, in a sense, is a forum for discussion and debate. We have to thrash out every matter from different angles and, after taking into consideration, all the facts that matter, come to right conclusions and mould them into suitable policies so that the country, as a whole, progresses.

There was a feeling that big business was not represented in the Lok Sabha; and if somebody or other, particularly on the side to which I belong, happened to be a representative of big business, then my friends, I again take the name of Shri Vittal Rao, had the grouse that the Congress had given a ticket to such and such a millionaire. I think it is not bad because even in this House they should be given an opportunity to voice their feelings and views. (Interruption). After all,

we are not going to be dictated to by their representatives or their views. There is nothing wrong if somebody put that point of view here also. But that was not possible; neither was it desirable.

Therefore, the coming in of this Federation into the area and getting that particular prominence which it got this year is a good development in the democracy of our country. I think big business have now evolved a forum where they can....

Shri V. P. Nayar: ...of Free Enterprise. (*Interruptions*)

Shri Heda: I am not talking of the Forum of Free Enterprise.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Heda: So, I think, they have evolved a good forum where they can express their views. Thereby Government can find out the reactions of big business, mainly in commerce and industry, so far as the fiscal and other policies are concerned, and then make suitable adjustments so that all-round improvement takes place in the country.

I feel so particularly this year because, I find two or three significant changes. Firstly, the annual meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry was used for a sort of debate and they have put out very vigorously their views—and most of us differ from them, and I am one of them—they have vigorously defended their views against the philosophy of the public sector. (*Interruptions*)

Sir, the second thing that I find is that this year they had arranged what they call the 'luncheon meetings'. These meetings are quite popular in America. They have adopted it and I think it is a good augury. The speeches which were recorded on three different occasions there were of a high order. Of course, so far as I am concerned, I have no opinion to express. I may say this in passing.

They invite the Finance Minister and also request the Prime Minister to inaugurate the session every year. When they are there, they do not represent only the public sector; they represent both the public and private sectors. I would very much wish that they use this luncheon meeting to invite some of the first rate leaders in the Opposition or second rate leaders of the Party in power so that they may have a good opportunity.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Am I to understand that first-rate Opposition leaders are equal to second rank in the ruling party?

Shri Heda: I do not dispute the intelligence of my friend. If he comes to that conclusion, I do not want to help him.... (*Interruptions*). If he wants to come to that conclusion, I cannot help it because he has his own freedom and he can cull out any conclusion from any given statement.

What I wanted to say was this. They should have a long range view in their minds and the good defence given to the public sector should also be heard by them and that should also be represented in their annual gatherings. That was the short point that I wanted to make.

Now, I will take imports. I am very happy to note that the changes made in the export-import policy have produced very good results. We have not got adequate statistics. We have been getting a sort of a report from the Commerce and Industry Ministry before the demands were coming up for discussion. This year, somehow or the other, we have got only a summary. The full report has not yet come and I am told that it is under print and that it may take a week or so.

Though sufficient data is not before us, the results that can be deducted from the various data and statistics of export and import and the balance of payments position from week to week and month to month would show that there was recently some

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improvement and a very radical change. So far as the import is concerned, I feel that the restriction that had been put had been very desirable and good. However, the import of such materials which form the basis or raw material to run the industries in our country should not be restricted. In this regard, probably the full consequences of those policies could not be apprehended beforehand when they were formed. The result had been that certain industries felt the pinch and they felt that production would go down. Production is the key-note of our Second Plan. I have had occasions to represent to the Commerce and Industry Minister on certain matters and I am very happy to say that in every case he promised to look into the matter. He has promised that if the import of raw material is essential for the production of any particular industry, he will surely allow that import.

I may mention one or two industries, as he is here, where production is adversely affected. A few Members of Parliament from Andhra Pradesh had been visiting various industries in our State. We came across a few metal industries. We found that they had a particular problem. Formerly certain raw materials which were imported were stopped. As a result their production was not only going down but they had also another difficulty to face. Since the import was restricted the established importers found a good opportunity to make huge profits. Only established importers were given licences and that was quite natural. But they took advantage of the situation created and increased the price to such an extent that the prices became rather prohibitive.

Take the case of copper ingots. I may give here a few figures to elaborate my point. The cost of imported copper ingots is estimated to work out to about Rs. 128, including the profit which was allowed to them formerly,

when the import was free. The price is now Rs. 171. It is a very big margin. Therefore, whenever imports are to be restricted—certainly we have to restrict them when we find that the imports are useless or that they are exploiting the situation, the right course to adopt is either to form a private corporation of all these metal industries and allow the imports through them and distribute the raw material to the various industries according to their capacity and work in the last two or three years. Or, alternatively, they can entrust this task of importing this raw material to the State Trading Corporation and see that equitable distribution arrangements are made.

The same is the case so far as the automobile industry is concerned. There too, certain imports are not allowed and the result is that the production is not taking place to the extent that it should have. Even if a small thing which is essential for the production of one whole unit does not come, then the total production stops. It is not that if one lakh rupees worth of raw materials are not allowed to be imported, the total production will go down by one lakh of rupees. It is not so. It will rather affect the whole production. Therefore, the Government has to go into these details and take a realistic and sympathetic view and allow such imports as and when the need arises.

So far as exports are concerned, I think the various export promotion councils are doing very good work. In this connection, I have to submit a point which has a direct bearing on the State I come from. During the visits I just referred to, we had been to certain places wherefrom iron ore, manganese ore and mica are exported. We found that there were certain difficulties for these people.

Take the case of the manganese ore. The Vizag district, the Srikakulam district, and the Koraput district—a

border district between Andhra and Orissa—are full of manganese ores. But they are of a low grade. The result is that these ores are not allowed to be exported. Therefore, beneficiary plants have become necessary. One such plant has come up. When we visited those places in January we were told that they would produce by March. So, one such plant might have come up now. We have to encourage these beneficiary plants so that the contents of the manganese ore would increase. With the beneficiary plants, the manganese ores which have less than 25 per cent content can be made to increase their content even to the extent of 85 per cent. Thus, we will not only get better prices for the raw materials that we are exporting but we will be able to provide more employment opportunities, and all that ore which remain useless, which cannot be utilised in any other way, will also be exported.

The same is the case, I think, more or less, so far as iron ore is concerned. The complaint that I found near about the area, say, between Kakinada and Masulipatnam was that the programme of export, for some reason or other, was not made adequately, and the capacity of the ports was not used fully. The perfect co-ordination that was necessary between the railways, the ports and the State Trading Corporation was not there. The situation is every day improving, and I only hope that very soon the situation will improve in such a way that we will be able to take up the maximum export that is possible. Even in this case, if we can improve the raw material and thereby increase our exports and earn more foreign exchange it will be a very good augury for the Government, for the country, and the shortage of foreign exchange that we are finding will not be there.

One word about the training of personnel. So far as the training of personnel is concerned Government allows a little foreign exchange for those personnel who go and get higher specialised training in certain parti-

cular matters, but Government do not allow students to specialise in particular subjects. A young man after passing B.E. may desire to specialise in a particular industry or a particular line thinking that that line will have very good prospects in the course of the next few years. Instead of going to some industry, taking up an employment there and then trying to go abroad for specialising in a particular line, he may like to stand on his own legs and then go and take such training. I think these particular types of training should be encouraged and the shortage of foreign exchange should not come in their way.

Shri A. C. Guha (Barasat): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, my friend Shri Heda has already conveyed a sort of congratulation to the Government for reducing the textile duty. I think it was not done in the interest of the millowners as was suggested from the other side, but it was also in the interest of the consumers and, particularly, the workers a large number of whom were likely to be out of employment if these mills were allowed to close down due to reduction in consumption. So, I think it was a step in the right direction, and we should feel satisfied that the Government has taken up the matter seriously as there had been several suggestions from the House in the matter.

In this connection, I would also like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the export duty on tea. I would not plead for all teas because quality teas are having a good market, but it is for the common tea that I am pleading. I think only yesterday it was disclosed in the House that five or six gardens have closed down and others have also threatened to close down. Here also is a case on which some immediate action would be necessary. I expect the hon. Minister would take some prompt action. I hope before he leaves the charge to his successor it may be possible for him to decide the

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policy regarding the export duty on common tea.

I would now like to draw his attention to the powerlooms. Yesterday, in connection with the reduction of excise duty on textiles it was stated that the compounded excise duty on powerlooms has also been simultaneously reconciled with the excise duty on textiles, but some extra duty has been imposed on units having more than 100 powerlooms. I think there is a case for the reduction of duty on such units having more than 100 powerlooms. One thing should, I think, appeal to the hon. Minister. These units have to purchase yarn from the composite mills. Therefore, the composite mills have an initial advantage over the powerloom weaving section. At least from that point of view they should get some concession. I would not press that the entire duty that has been put now should be abolished wholesale, but there should be some readjustment particularly in view of the higher prices they have to pay for the yarn. I hope the hon. Minister will consider this aspect also.

I would like to refer to another matter in connection with tea. Last year I think there was an extra production of 20 million pounds of tea throughout the world. There is no international agreement for the control of production of tea now. So new countries are coming up. Indonesia and Ceylon are our old competitors, but now there are many East African countries which have entered the market and they have been competing with us. Therefore, to retain our export market for tea we should have an efficient propaganda machinery in foreign countries. I think the Tea Board collects annually about a crore of rupees by way of cess on tea, but I have heard even from members of the Central Tea Board that much is not done with regard to foreign publicity for popularising tea in foreign countries. I wish that somebody may look into this matter and

see that the sum that is collected from the consumers is properly utilised for publicity and propaganda in foreign countries. A special wing may be set up to see that publicity work in other countries is done properly so that our tea may have a fresh market in foreign countries.

There is another matter to which I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister for Commerce and Industry, particularly in view of the fact that the Company Law is now under his charge. Sir, the Mundhra affair has now become something notorious in the whole country. But there are smaller 'Mundhra affairs' particularly in our city, Calcutta. Some speculators have been trying to get hold of some industrial concerns by cornering the shares. In respect of one particular industry—it is a very big industry, and a very essential industry whose products are now in short supply—the prices were inflated because of this cornering campaign. Even though the price was Rs. 135 per share the speculators purchased the shares at Rs. 175 per share. I hope the hon. Minister knows to which company I am referring.

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): Which is that industry?

Shri A. C. Guha: The paper industry. That company is now running without any managing agency and something like an interim arrangement is going on. The Government should decide whether the speculators will have control over that company or not. If the control of the company goes to the hands of the speculators, it may mean disastrous for the concern. I would not have raised any objection if they were real industrialists.

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But they are not industrialists. They are speculators. If they can get hold of the company, the company will go to ruin and they will simply start another Mundhra

affair; just as Mundhra has done with regard to Jessops and some other well-established firms, they are also likely to do the same with this firm.

Under section 409 of the Companies Act, the Government can stop the change of management; under section 247, the Government can have some investigation, and under section 250 the Government can do something else. The Committee that was set up to look into the company law have referred to all these things and they have suggested some amendments to section 250.

"It might be amended so as to confer power on the Central Government in a case where, owing to a change in the ownership of shares, a change in the managing agency or directorate of a company is likely to take place, which, if permitted, would, in its opinion, be prejudicial to the public interest, to direct by an order that for a specified period, say three years, voting rights shall not be exercised by the transferees of those shares."

This is the recommendation of that Committee. I hope Government will take early decision on this matter and stop such speculative ventures in well-established companies.

In this connection, I would also like to suggest one thing. When the company law was enacted and the Company Law Department was set up, the stock exchanges and the Capital Issue Department formed part of that department. But, somehow or other, these two have been separated. I think the Company Law Department should also have the stock exchanges and the Capital Issue Department with it. Otherwise, there cannot be effective functioning of the Company Law Department. The hon. Minister who is now in charge of this subject will, in a few

days, go over to the Finance Ministry. I hope he will have a dispassionate view of this matter and will not take side with this Ministry or that Ministry.

Then, I should like to say something about the foreign exchange position. Though foreign exchange is primarily the concern of the Ministry of Finance, the spending of foreign exchange is mainly in charge of the Commerce Ministry. Yesterday, the Prime Minister stated that there were some lapses. He said that "there was lack of co-ordination in this matter and we are not fully seized of what was happening. Nobody knew the entire picture for sometime, neither the Planning Commission nor the Finance Ministry". I do not like to quote the figures of imports which, some days before, my friend Shri Tyagi quoted; and today also my friend Shri Prabhat Kar quoted some figures. It was not quite correct to say that the entire issue of the import licences was for the Plan. The Prime Minister, I think, has said that the main conclusion, as it emerged, was that it was an attempt to carry out the Plan that caused this adverse turn. Nobody would grudge any import licences being issued for the implementation of the Plan. But the items quoted both by Shri Tyagi and Shri Prabhat Kar would show that there was a considerable amount which was squandered away on non-essential items and consumer goods and luxury goods.

I have referred to the cornering of shares. I think that also has led to squandering of some of our foreign exchange. Some plantation firm shares were purchased by some speculators here or some persons here and most of them were sterling companies. So, they have had to be paid in our foreign exchange. That also, I think, should not have been done. Anyhow, I think even previously there was an examination in the Planning Commission and some statement was made before this House

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showing how the foreign exchange position has come to this plight.

Now, again, the Prime Minister has told us that the Planning Commission is examining this matter and within three or four days time we shall know the position. Still, I feel that there is a fit case for a proper enquiry, not only an examination by the Planning Commission, but a real enquiry as to how these licences for import for frivolous and luxury goods and consumer goods were issued. Also, it should be considered whether the unused licences can even now be impounded and not allowed to be used. I hope there will be a proper enquiry into the use of the foreign exchange licences, particularly when the Prime Minister has said that there was a lack of co-ordination and there was some lapse on the part of the Government; that nobody knew the entire picture for some time. That is a serious confession, and it requires a particular probing, before the House can be convinced that there was nothing *mala fide*, nothing spiteful and nothing personal in this matter.

Shri Tyagi: I think he said so in rhetoric. It was not exactly so.

Shri A. C. Guha: We all know that during these few years we have made tremendous industrial progress. Our production has gone up at the rate of about 8 or 10 per cent every year. Only in 1957 the rate of increase has come down to four per cent. Consequently also we come to the conclusion that the rate of investment has also gone down. I find from the report of the Controller of Capital Issues that in 1956, Rs. 230 crores worth of capital issue permission was given and in 1957 permit was given to the value of Rs. 153 crores. So, there is a fall of about Rs. 77 crores. It shows that in 1957 industrial investment was less by about Rs. 77 crores. That is only for the sector for which capital issue permit was necessary. I think that also would require some

serious examination by the Government. The Government should see why this investment has gone down and also why the rate of increase of our industrial production has gone down.

With this is connected the question of employment as also the question of the standard of living. My hon. friend Shri Bimal Ghose has mentioned that import restrictions mean many other anomalies to which also Government's attention should be drawn. Import restrictions may lead to reduction in production. I think that either in the *Economic Survey* or in the Finance Minister's speech—somewhere—I recollect having read that one of the causes of reduction in our rate of increase in industrial production was the lack of—rather, I should not use the word 'lack' but inadequate supply—of industrial raw materials. Shri Heda also has made out that point. That also, I feel, should be properly looked into, and there should not be any stinginess as regards the supply of raw materials for our industrial units.

Now, I come to some smaller points. There is a Handloom Board. It has been doing good work. I come from a State which I fear has got much reason to grouse about the activities of this Board. I think this Board has been going more or less on a *laissez faire* style. That means, any State which is more progressive and which shows more initiative, would get better and more aid, more money, more credit, etc., from this Board. But any State which is lagging behind, which may not have proper initiative, would not get that much attention from the Board. I think this Board should pay more attention to such States which have good prospects and which have the potentiality for development of the handloom industry but which require handloom industry to be developed for the economic growth of the particular region and which have not

the proper initiative and organising capacity for doing so. My State, I think, would belong to the latter category. I know there are many famous handloom varieties of sarees and other items in Bengal. Yet, Bengal is not getting proper share of attention from the Handloom Board, and the handloom industry has not been developing properly in West Bengal. I wish that the Handloom Board and the Minister in charge would give some attention to this, so that Bengal may also develop the handloom industry. Bengal has got its own peculiar problem. It is not only an economic problem, but it is also a political problem and social problem; and handloom and other small-scale industries would be the best solution for unemployment, for the low standard of living and for the large number of refugees coming into Bengal. So, the Handloom Board and the Small-scale Industries Board should pay some special attention to Bengal.

I am glad that reference has been made to the engineering units of Howrah. I am sure my hon. friend Shri Kanungo knows it very well. These units can produce a number of items. But they should be supplied with better equipment and they should be given assistance for the standardisation of their products. There should also be some marketing arrangements for them.

There is a crase in our country for every industrial unit to become self-sufficient. The cycle industry and the automobile industry try to produce every small bit of parts. I think that should be discouraged. The cycle industry and the automobile industry should be made to purchase the small parts from the smaller engineering units. I am sure that the Howrah units and some in Punjab and Dehra Dun in Uttar Pradesh can produce a lot of engineering units, which would give employment and help the country to raise the standard of living of the ordinary man. I am pleading from

that point of view, particularly for the Howrah engineering industries.

As regards small-scale industries, there is a Small-scale industries, Board. There the main difficulty is marketing. The Ford team on small-scale industries have also laid particular emphasis on marketing and said that there is little use in designing better quality goods, or arranging for finance for industries, or setting up technical institutes, unless there is a corresponding increase in the market facilities. Unless you provide proper marketing facilities for the small-scale industries, it is no use starting the small-scale industries in rural areas. The small-scale industries are suffering and practically dying out, because of lack of proper marketing facilities, which should be organised, they should get supply of raw materials at a cheaper rate and there should be better technique of production. Moreover, they should try to develop markets within the rural areas. The rural people should be taught to utilize those products. That calls for the best marketing facilities. Otherwise, the raw materials will have to be carried from towns or from the industrial centres to the rural areas and then the finished goods will have to be carried to the industrial towns or some big cities. That means a lot of transport expenditure. So, they should try to build up some demand in the rural areas for the products of the small-scale industries.

There is one Silk Research Institute in Berhampur. West Bengal is a silk-producing centre. It ranks as the second best silk-producing area in the country. There is a proposal to transfer that Research Institute from Bengal. I hope it will not be done. It is not only for any local interests, but is also necessary for the development of the silk industry that the Institute should remain in West Bengal.

Last, I wish to come to one factor, to which I referred on a previous

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occasion on the discussion of the State Trading Corporation. We are now expanding our nationalised sector. We have been producing a lot of articles. In most of these cases the State is a monopoly producer. So, there should be some consumers' council to fix the price and also a rates tribunal. This is not my suggestion alone. This is the suggestion made by the Fiscal Commission about five years ago.

Last time I referred to the raising of the price of cement by about Rs. 11 or Rs. 12. I said that it is an indirect way of imposing an excise duty, which is the privilege of this House alone. I am glad that this year they have transformed it into an excise duty of Rs. 5, the balance being adjusted in the cost of production or something like that. I think for everything produced in the nationalised sector there should be a consumers' council and a rates tribunal. Not only for this, but for other things like steel and cement, they should have these councils. Now the State has a monopoly over these things. Now the State can dictate the price, and it does not dictate the price; it should dictate the price also. I have no objection to that. But the consumer also should be consulted in this matter as to how much he should pay. If it is the policy of the Government to inhibit consumption, the consumer should be taken into confidence. He should be told that in the economic policy or industrial policy we want to inhibit internal consumption, so there should be a rise in prices. If it is not necessary to inhibit the internal prices, the prices should be brought down to the level which is within the easy reach of the common man. I plead that there should be consumers' councils and rates tribunals for fixing the prices of all these commodities, produced and distributed by these national institutions. The rates tribunal has to hear appeals. Just as in the case of the Railway Rates

Tribunal, every individual must have an opportunity to file an appeal.

I think I have completed all my points. Lastly I would again say that the cornering of shares in established industries should be properly taken care of. Otherwise there will be many Mundhra affairs in the country and many of our well-established industries will go to ruins.

Shri Tyagi: Minus the minister.

Shri Dasappa (Bangalore): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, I join my hon. friends who have expressed their gratitude to the hon. Finance Minister for giving the concession by way of reduction of excise duties to the textile mills. I am very glad that my hon. friend, Shri Guha, has referred to the power-looms, which sector has been very hard hit because of being clubbed with composite mills. I will refer to it a little later and, if you will permit me, I will quote certain figures to prove conclusively and beyond any doubt how the power-loom products cannot face competition with the composite mills.

I consider that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is one of the vital Ministries in the governmental machinery. India is predominantly an agricultural country. And much of the trouble today has arisen because there has not been proper balance between our industries and our agriculture.

We talk of unemployment in the industrial sector. I do not deny that it is there to some extent. But, what is the extent of unemployment and underemployment in the field of agriculture? It is colossal. There is no question of comparison so far as our industrial sector is concerned. Therefore, I would say that it is the most important Ministry in the governmental machinery.

I am very anxious that all the activities, schemes, projects and programmes of this Ministry so far as development of industries in any sector is concerned—public sector, private sector, large-scale, medium scale, small-scale and so on and cottage industries included—should not be curtailed in the interest of the country, except—I would like to add a clause—to the extent that our foreign exchange does not permit such development. Otherwise, I feel that we must mobilise our resources to build up all those industries which the Ministry has got in view.

I was rather surprised when my hon. friend of the Communist Party, Shri Prabhat Kar—a very good friend—harped back to some years when there was not the same due care and caution and economy in the use of our foreign exchange. I am afraid, he was trying to lock the stables after the horse was stolen. It is true that there were hon. Members here and in the other House, who struck a note of caution and said that they have to have an eye on this question of foreign exchange and expressed their apprehension that it was running away without any proper control. If the Government had then heeded the advice tendered by the hon. Members of the House, it would have been all for the better. But what is the good of beating the dead horse, more or less, now?

I think, indirectly these hon. Members were paying a very handsome compliment to the hon. Minister presiding over the Commerce and Industry Ministry today because they had nothing whatever to criticise so far as his activities in the Ministry were concerned.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Wait for some time.

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): That is, we have come out on the top.

Shri Dasappa: One lesson seems to come out very prominently because

of our past experience and that is that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on the one hand, and the Ministry of Finance on the other, must work in greater co-ordination than they have done in the past. I found a perceptible and a noticeable change in the attitude of the ex-Finance Minister after he took charge of Finance. If only he had exercised the same caution when he was the Minister of Commerce and Industry, things would not have come to this pass. It is our supreme good luck that the hon. Minister who is now in charge of Commerce and Industry, is taking over Finance. Already, he has given indication of the kind of control that he is exercising over the various activities and, being himself a man of extreme austerity—I almost see in him another Sir Stafford Cripps and I hope he will stick on to that attitude and will contribute to the easing of the situation in much the same manner as Sir Stafford Cripps did after the war . . .

Shri Asoka Mehta (Muzaffarpur): And the Labour Government fell.

Shri Dasappa: Let me say I am not one of those who are pessimistic like my hon. friend Shri Ghose, for instance. He expressed his fear and apprehension that the situation has got out of control and is very difficult to handle. It is true. There is some difficulty but I do not think that the horse cannot be caught and brought back to the stables.

As regards import and export policy, I entirely am in accord with the policy that the Ministry has adopted. I would only say that pressures will be brought so far as imports are concerned, maybe even from the men who now are asking the hon. Minister to be very strict. Pressures may be brought by the very people, but I am suggesting only this that one has got to be very strict with regard to the maintenance of the present restrictive policy so far as imports are concerned, except, as I said, when it seriously affects

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any situation. I always make some room for exceptions, but let not the exceptions take the place of the rule.

I would suggest one other thing so far as the Import Advisory and Export Advisory Councils are concerned. While they meet separately—they can, certainly, they have got their own specific problems and they can certainly deal with them—it would be perhaps better if at the time of having these meetings, the two meetings are held jointly so that the whole people who are anxious to import may know what exactly the situation is so far as our export problems are concerned. Likewise, those who are either for increased exports or for decreased exports, would be able to better appreciate the situation as a whole.

I am very happy to see the way in which the National Industrial Development Corporation is functioning because we have got to build up industries and I am glad that this Corporation has come into being in order to explore the possibilities of various industries, which we have not got now relating to commodities which we have got to import from abroad. Already they have made a very perceptible progress as the reports go to show. What the report placed in our hands does not show is with regard to an industry in which I used to take some interest, i.e., the raw film industry. I am very happy to see that they have concluded an agreement with a foreign firm for its manufacture. I hope I am right in thinking that there are no snags about it and subject to the usual question of foreign exchange etc. it is going to be smooth sailing. India is the second largest user of raw films in the world, next to U.S.A., and if only we save this foreign exchange, not only will we help in easing the situation, but we will, I suppose, create so much more employment.

There was some reference to tea. Our economy is a mixed economy. We are not all for nationalisation

nor are we votaries of capitalism and are for the private sector. But I want to say that even in America about 20% of the industries are in the public sector and in India taking the totality it does not amount to more than 7%. So, let not the people, I mean those in the private sector, unnecessarily be agitated over the fact that we are taking over more and more to nationalisation and development of the public sector. I say this for another reason. We are talking about tea. Turkey is not a Communist State—it is not even a socialist State—but in Turkey the manufacture of tea is entirely in the hands of the State. The growing of tea is in the hands of the private sector but the manufacture of tea is in the hands of the State with the result that you are able to control better the whole business of tea. I do not say that it must be immediately taken up but this is a matter which is worth examining. Likewise in Turkey—you are aware that Turkey's cigarettes are world famous—the entire cigarette manufacturing industry is in the hands of the State. I ask, Sir, if Turkey—I do not say small or big, it is one-fourth of India—could do this, why should we not do this? We can not get rid of cigarettes, I personally do not believe in converting cash into ash, still I feel that when the people are prepared to do it, why should we not provide them with cigarettes which will augment the resources of the State.

Then, coffee. I find, in the next year, we have not provided for greater export of coffee than what we have already done. I am a coffee-bhakta, a lover of coffee. But, I am prepared to deny myself coffee if it means that we can earn some foreign exchange. Therefore, I want greater export of coffee, and at the same time, to give greater facilities for expansion of coffee. Coffee has a good market now. It would be worth while to expand the production of Coffee.

Then, I come to silk. Sixty per cent. of the silk is from our State of Mysore,

or even more than that. I find that the constitution of the Silk Board is justified in the circumstances and it is doing very good work. But, I think certain other things have got to be done if you have to get the best out of the Silk Board. Formerly, we used to send out a large number of people from the silk industry engaged in reeling and so on, to Japan, Italy and other countries. Because of financial difficulties, the States are unable to do it. The Silk Board, luckily, has got certain finances and I hope it will be possible for the Board to despatch a number of people in the industry to Japan, China and Italy. We have not been able to manufacture international grades of silk, yet in India. Why should we not do it, if China, Japan and Italy can do that? We have got silk of the best quality in the world.

Then, I come to the question of powerlooms. I would like to say this to the hon. Minister for Commerce and Industry who has expressed his views after the new levy enhancing the excise duty on powerloom cloth elsewhere. I have argued this matter with a number of people, textile magnates and others. They are all convinced of the righteousness of the case that I am going to put forward. If I can only get round the hon. Minister for Commerce and Industry, I think it will be a great blessing and a boon to the powerloom industry, as I will presently show.

So far as units 101 and above are concerned, they are only sixteen in the whole of India. I am not referring to those powerloom units which worked as composite mills formerly and which for some reason of their own have frozen the spindles and want to be treated as powerlooms. I have no sympathy for those people. Let me not be mistaken as saying one word in favour of these people—the composite mills who have converted themselves into powerlooms. I am talking of the powerlooms that have been there from the very beginning. I am giving some figures; after all, they are a very small number.

Out of 25,000 powerlooms producing 200 million yards, there are only 2,600 powerlooms in the units 101 and above. You have seen how so many mills were affected because of heavy excise duties. It was only killing the goose that was laying the golden eggs. Forty composite mills were affected: 23 were closed and 17 were in a state of suspended animation. Yesterday's announcement has put heart into the affair and you will have more production, more excise duty and more revenue. With regard to the powerlooms, a situation has arisen in which it would be almost impossible for them to survive. You will see, in August 1957, the production of the composite mills in one month went up to 478 million yards. At that rate, the production should have been 5736 million yards a year. But, yet, where are we? We are far below that. The note says that it is only 5340 million yards in 1957 as against 5306 million yards in 1956, a grand increase of 34 million yards. Surely, in one year, the increase should not have been only 34 million; it could easily have been, as I said, 300 or 400 million yards. In February, 1958, it came down from 478 million yards to 390 million yards. I am quoting these figures to show how it is a wrong policy to try to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Then, coming to the relief that was given yesterday, the composite mills certainly got a decided advantage over powerlooms of 100 units and above. The excise duty is the same. I shall refer to two things. First is the cost of yarn which the powerlooms have got to buy in the open market. The composite mills get it at their spindle point and it costs them nothing extra. Therefore, the power looms are at a tremendous disadvantage. The disadvantage is, as I will presently show, with regard to the cost of yarn. I come from a place in South India. I do not want to say north and south. There is nothing like that. The moment I say South India, people say you are regional-minded, and this

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and that. After all, I have got to look after all regions: not only one region. If the south suffers, we have to look after the south.

What I say is this. There are three zones: the western zone, the eastern zone and the southern zone. The western zone specialises mostly in what you call cheaper superfine. The eastern zone specialises more or less in cheaper fine. The southern zone specialises in coarse and medium. The levy is the same for all these. I shall give some figures. On yarn only, there will be a difference of Rs. 96.20 so far as one bale is concerned. Further expenses there are, like winding of hanks, waste in winding, etc. The total comes to Rs. 132.68 for a bale which costs Rs. 680. I am only taking 20 counts which is in use. A composite mill gets it at Rs. 680 minus Rs. 132.68 whereas the powerloom man has to pay Rs. 132.68 over and above what a composite mill can get yarn for.

The result will be as follows. The production of a powerloom is— it is agreed on all hands by the Government, by the experts and so on— 1760 linear yards per month. If the additional cost is calculated, you will find that for a powerloom, that is for two shifts, the powerloom man has got to pay Rs. 145.12 extra. For twelve months, it comes to Rs. 1741.44. For 100 looms, it comes to Rs. 1,74,144. This is the extra expenditure, disadvantage to which a powerloom man is put. If he has 100 looms, he has got to shell out Rs. 1,74,144 as extra price for yarn only.

This is not all the havoc that is created in the situation. The price of composite mill fabrics is always higher because of better processing. He has got better yarn for himself. If he wants for his own cloth, he spins better. For selling, any yarn is good. Then he has got calendering, finishing, bleaching, one thing or the

other which all go to fetch him for the same yardage a better price. What is the price difference? I have calculated it. The price difference is 9 naya paisa per yard. Calculated on the basis of the total production for twelve months, the lower realisation of a power loom of hundred units would be Rs. 1,89,000. So, the total difference is Rs. 3,36,144 and so the powerloom man is at a disadvantage.

I am prepared to place these figures before any body of experts. I am not trying to run away with these things. I do not want to say the hon. Minister must give me a reply today. I want this matter to be examined, and if I am wrong, I shall eat my own words and apologise to anybody. On the other hand, if my figures are correct, all that I say is that it merits consideration, and sympathetic handling of the situation.

How this came about is also fairly well known. Nobody felt it until the duties were enhanced somewhere last December, i.e., 1957. Then the millowners of Bombay and the millowners' association of Ahmedabad jointly sent a wire to the then hon. Minister of Finance and the hon. Minister of Commerce, where they said:

"Powerlooms were already enjoying considerable margin over composite mills particularly in fine superfine goods."

Please note their stress on fine and superfine, because they are wider lengths, and the same loom produces more cloth, whereas in the South it is of narrow width, and then it is only coarse and medium.

Further, this is what they say:

"Fine superfine goods produced by composite mills will have to face serious difficulties due to this factor as well as high incidence of excise on such varieties. Associations urge suitable remedial action."

That was on the 17th December, and on the 11th January they wrote like this. They have given some

figures with regard to only fine and superfine, not medium and coarse.

"My Committee, therefore, strongly urge upon Government to reconsider the matter and adjust the duties so as to ensure that composite mills do not have to suffer unfair competition from the powerlooms sector."

I think this should be noted. They only wanted to be saved from unfair competition from the power looms sector. Perfectly right, I cannot deny them that, but let us work out what amounts to unfair competition. They only asked that the power looms should not be given unfair advantage over the composite mills, that the treatment should be alike.

Here is the report of the Kanungo Textile Enquiry Committee presided over by my hon. friend, the hon. Minister of State, Shri Kanungo, where I had the honour of working along with him. The findings are there. I do not want to read the findings. On the question of reservation they only said that they must be given time till 1960 and afterwards there should be no reservation. That is all, nothing more than that.

As per the recommendation of the Kanungo Textile Enquiry Committee, the Bombay Government appointed a powerloom enquiry committee. The Chairman of that Committee was Shri Purshottam Kanji. I do not know the gentleman personally, but I am told he is a Member of the Khadi and Village Industries Board. Could they have selected a safer person to protect the handlooms and to mete out justice between the various sectors of the textile industry? There were other Members also. Among the other Members were a gentleman from the Servants of India Society, Poona, the Director of Industries, Bombay, the Joint Registrar for Industrial Co-operatives and Village Industries, Poona, and the Deputy Registrar (Handlooms). All these sectors were represented there. And what do they say?

I will only read the summary. I do not want to read the whole of it. This is their recommendation:

"If the larger powerloom establishments are to be bracketed along with the mill industry and hence deprived of the concessions of reservations of varieties ...

—I agree, I have no quarrel with that. Let whatever Shri Kanungo has said be done—

"...the differential excise duty on the present scale between mills and the powerlooms should continue."

Just the other day this report has come by the Bombay Government's own committee. Then, how does it happen that so soon after these expert findings we want that units of 100 looms and above of power looms should have the same duty as the composite mills?

I hope I have said nothing which will wound the susceptibilities of anybody. I would beg of the hon. Minister to exercise all his usual sympathy and examine the facts. It is a very easy thing. I will give a suggestion. There is the excise duty on the composite mill's cloth. You have got here the cost of production and lower prices. Give a rebate to cover that much and no more. Cannot that be done? After all, for 2,600 looms what will be the production?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member should conclude now.

Shri Dasappa: Yes, Sir. I conclude with this fact, namely, that the loss to Government will be nothing. They must exercise all the sympathy which they can give to see that this sector is maintained and is not absolutely driven to extinction and also create problems of unemployment.

Shri Kasliwal (Kota): I join the hon. Members who have preceded me in congratulating the hon. Minister

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and his able colleagues on their efficient handling of this Ministry. The tenure of office of the hon. Minister has been brief, but it shows an impress of his personality on this Ministry. The new incumbent of this high office is also present in his House just now, and I also offer my congratulations to hon. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri who will soon enter this office.

Hon. Members who preceded me have said that it is a very important Ministry, that it is a key Ministry, a Ministry which is responsible for the industrialisation of this country, a Ministry which is responsible in so many other ways not merely for the economy of the country but for the life of the community as a whole. I agree with all that has been said in this connection.

Many hon. Members have also mentioned about foreign exchange, the foreign exchange gap which is staring us today and which now, I believe, the hon. Minister is trying to close. We know the steps he has taken about import restrictions. I was a bit surprised when one hon. Member sitting by my side talked of export and import promotion. I think he only meant export promotion and import restriction, because in the context of our economy today there is no such thing as import promotion.

I was not present in the House when one hon. Member that side spoke about export promotion, and I must be forgiven if I cover the same points again, because I know that the hon. Member is a very able Member and he might have covered many points with regard to export promotion.

Many steps have been taken by the Ministry with regard to increasing or augmenting our export trade. For example, we know that a Foreign Trade Board has been established, export promotion councils for various

commodities have been set up, standardisation of products is being effected. There is quality control over goods, even packing materials are being examined. All these things are being done, but I would very much like to ask whether the Ministry has got a long-range policy with regard to our exports, whether we have been told what is going to be the policy of the Ministry with regard to exports not merely during the rest of the second Plan period, but the third Plan also. It is time that the Ministry sat down to examine what we propose to do not merely during the next three years, but during the third Plan also. There are many other goods which will be produced in the country during the course of the next two or three years and I would like the hon. Minister to take the House into confidence as to what is their plan for the export of those goods.

Everybody knows well that tea, jute and cotton textiles are the three important commodities which account for almost half the exports. But today we cannot and we should not rely upon these exports alone. We have to encourage other commodities also for export. I would like to ask what we have done in this regard. Take the case of steel and pig iron. Two of our steel plants are going to manufacture pig iron by the end of this year and if we are going to have foreign exchange, it will be necessary that the products of those steel plants have to be found markets abroad. We cannot go on consuming all that steel and pig iron in our country alone. We would like to be told what are the plans of the Ministry with regard to the export of those goods.

We have been told and we have discussed once about the automobile industry that they had plans about the export of trucks and cars also. But we do not know what steps have been taken or how many trucks and cars have been exported this year. I

do not propose to go into other products, but take the case of one very important industry, namely light engineering goods. It was a sheer coincidence that when a meeting of the Engineering Export Promotion Council was taking place in Calcutta, I happened to be there. The hon. Minister was presiding and I attended that meeting. I was surprised to find in the address of the President of the Council that the manufacturers of these light engineering goods were not export-minded. It came as a bit of shock to me. Subsequently he said that they were taking various steps for the export of these goods. If that is so, I would like the hon. Minister to tell us what further steps, apart from the establishment of the Export Promotion Council, they are taking for exporting these goods.

Then, I will come to another topic, namely, the State Trading Corporation. My hon. friend, Shri Guha, referred to the State Trading Corporation. But he referred to something else. I believe that the activities of the State Trading Corporation must be expanded. I congratulate the Ministry on the very able and efficient manner in which the State Trading Corporation has functioned, and I would very much like that many other commodities, which are today being exported in a haphazard manner, should be exported through the State Trading Corporation. The case of iron ore and other ores is there. Today this State Trading Corporation is taking a hand in it. There are many large export and import houses which are doing many things which they should not do. I question the desirability of having these large import and export houses who make tremendous profits at the cost of the other people. I do not see why today these import and export houses should continue, in the context of our objective of a socialist pattern. I would very much like that the Minister would be kind enough to examine the whole position. I do not have the figures with me; I do

not have the names of these big export and import houses who are indulging in this kind of trade and so I am unable to tell anything to the House. But I believe the time will come when those figures and names will be available to me and I shall tell the House the activities of these import and export houses. But today I want to tell the hon. Minister that the State Trading Corporation has done good work and its activities must be expanded.

Then, I would go to another topic, namely trade treaties and agreements. I believe no hon. Member has touched upon the nature of our trade agreements. What is the nature of our trade treaties? That is what I would like to ask. A pamphlet has been given to us about India's trade agreements with other countries. But that is before 1953, published by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. I wish such a pamphlet had been given to us telling us about our treaties up to 1957. Anyway, I ask, what is the nature of our trade treaties? The late hon. Krishnamachari—I am sorry, the ex-Minister—while addressing the Export and Import Advisory Council said that our trade agreements are determined more by our requirements of imports than our means of exports. If that is so, that is a very sad affair. I do not know whether the treaties which are entered into with other countries are more with regard to our exports than with regard to our imports. Mr. Manubhai Shah, our Deputy Minister for Industries....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He is Minister.

Shri Kasliwal: I am sorry, the Minister for Industry, wrote a very fine article in the *Economic Review*. There he has given some examination of our exports, how the trade treaties had been revised with other countries and in what respects those treaties have resulted in the augmentation of our exports. At page 10 of the

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Economic Review of 1st November, 1957, he writes:

"It is difficult to isolate the effect of any one or more steps on the development of the country's trade. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that India's exports to agreement countries rose from Rs. 78 crores in 1953-54 to Rs. 88 crores in 1954-55 and Rs. 98 crores in 1955-56. Exports to these countries during the 11 months from January to November, 1956 amounted to Rs. 93 crores."

The result is, with all these trade agreements, we are having only an extra Rs. 10 crores of exports every year. This is a very small amount. We need much more foreign exchange and for that purpose, we need far more exports than what we are having today.

With these words, I support the Demands for Grants relating to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Shri Ghosal (Uluberia): Without going into the points that had already been discussed by the hon. Members who preceded me I would like to point out the defects in the technique of expanding our industries in the private sector and public sector. Yesterday, our hon. Prime Minister accused the people about their sectarian attitude on the different problems. But I must say with regret that the Government of India is also not in a mood to see India in its entirety. In order to feed provincialism, Government are setting up industries in the public sector scattered all over India in the garb of developing the under-developed areas, without considering the proximity or availability of raw materials. The availability of raw materials is a geological advantage, and this factor should have been taken into consideration in establishing the various industries. It helps the manufacture of commodities at a low cost of production. And if articles can be

manufactured at a low cost of production, the people of the non-industrial areas also can become gainers by getting the articles at a cheaper rate. It should be borne in mind that the mere setting up of an industry in an under-developed area does not ipso facto help the people of the under-developed areas in raising their standard of living, unless it be that there are other considerations also.

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I shall give only one example, namely the Nepa newsprint factory which has a producing capacity of about 30,000 tons per year only, though our domestic requirement of newsprint is, of course, about 80,000 tons per year; but the Nepa Mills cannot produce more than 10,000 or 12,000 tons of newsprint per year, owing to difficulties in the power supply. If only this factory could have been established in the DVC area or in any other area where electricity would have been available, then the capacity of the factory could have been utilised to the fullest extent.

The Durgapur area is also full of natural advantages, and Calcutta which is the biggest drug centre of Asia is also near to it, and there would be great possibilities if the factory for heavy chemicals and drugs were established there. We know that one company of Calcutta applied for a licence to set up a drug factory there, but that was turned down on the ground that in future some factory like the Central Intermediates Factory would produce them. Even the West Bengal Government approached the Central Government for producing some drug elements as by-products from their coke oven plant, but cold water was thrown on their enthusiasm and they were told that the National Industrial Development Corporation would manufacture the same drugs on a huge scale. But to our utter surprise, we find that instead of these being produced through

the National Industrial Development Corporation, Messrs. Sarabhai Chemicals and Messrs. Atul Products have been authorised to manufacture them.

In the private sector we find that foreign capitalists are non-cooperating with the aspirations of the Indian people and that will be evident from the condition of the industry and trade where they have the monopoly. If we take the instance of the tea industry, we find that three-fourths of the tea gardens are under the control and ownership of the foreigners. India is the world's largest tea-growing and tea-exporting country, producing more than 600 million lbs of tea annually. But the results of the Mining Lane Auction decide largely the fate of the tea trade in India. The Plantation Inquiry Commission recommended that the Tea Board should at least control and regulate the sale of tea in the Calcutta and Cochin auctions, but we do not know why the Government of India are hesitating to implement it. Though it can earn huge foreign exchange, we find that the tea companies, by curtailing production and restricting exports and controlling prices, are sabotaging the whole tea industry.

If we take the instance of the jute industry, we find how the Indian Jute Mills Association by its powerful monopoly position is able to control the profit-rate by ruthlessly planned and organised freezing of production policy. In 1957, the export of jute has increased to a great extent, and yet we find that about seven jute mills in West Bengal have been closed down. Perhaps, Government will agree with me that the losses in these jute mills are in most cases due to mismanagement. I would, therefore, request Government to begin a formal investigation into these closures.

The RSN & ISN & RG Co., the biggest inland water transport company is one of the biggest foreign companies in that field. They are trying to curtail their business and close

down, and as a result of it, there is a chance of the projects of Assam, NEFA and Manipur being sabotaged. The Indian counterpart of this company in the private sector is also trudging the same track.

During this nation-building period, when the poor masses of the country are agreeable to bear the brunt of the economic burdens, the private sector is not agreeable to tolerate even a scratch on its profits. If we take the example of the cotton textile industry in West Bengal, we find that one cotton mill is lying closed down since 1953, while the Bhagyalaxmi Cotton Mills and the Hanuman Cotton Mills have closed down about 20,000 spindles very recently. Though Government have adopted a liberal policy of exports as regards cotton textiles, and though we find that the prices have not come down in the market, yet we do not know why we hear of over-production and accumulation of stocks.

If we take the example of the chemical industry, we find that the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works of Calcutta, a pioneer in chemical industry, established as early as 1901, have been frequently locking out their factory on various flimsy pleas, and thereby sabotaging the progress of our country as a whole as regards chemicals. I would request Government to take due notice of this. In this connection, I would request Government to lay more emphasis on the chemical industry, which is one of the most basic industries. Of course, it has got various ramifications, but greater attention should be focussed on two types which form the core of the industry, namely, fertilisers and heavy chemicals. We know that a large amount from the State Trading Corporation is locked up in importing caustic soda, soda ash and raw silk. Immediate steps should, therefore, be taken to manufacture these heavy chemicals in our country. Food production is also very much

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dependent on fertilisers. In the beginning of the Second Plan, Government made a mistake by not laying emphasis on food production. India is still an agricultural country. On adequate production of food, not only is the question of saving of foreign exchange involved, but also the question of raising the standard of living of the peasantry.

Now, I would like to mention about the possibilities of some industries in West Bengal. Salt is also a foreign exchange earner, and perhaps Japan is our biggest customer. At present, there is a small private salt factory at Contai producing 2.9 lakhs tons of salt per year. Though the West Bengal Government submitted a scheme for the development of salt industry in the Contai sea board, and a French company also advised the starting of a salt factory there under the scheme of solar evaporation, whereby a huge quantity of salt can be manufactured, we do not know why it has not been accepted. Without incurring much expense, under a mechanical scheme, we can also manufacture salt in the Contai sea board if the Government take the initiative in that connection.

As regards cement, though we have heard that the Government have adopted the policy of setting up cement factories on a regional basis, in West Bengal there is not a single cement factory till now. We have heard that two private companies are going to be permitted to have cement factories in Durgapur. They would use the slags of the Durgapur Steel Works for manufacturing cement. But we do not understand why the Government themselves are not taking the initiative but handing over production to the Birla company for producing cement in Durgapur. They have decided to bring limestone for the cement factories from Bihar. The Geological Survey of India have already stated that they have found limestone deposits in Purulia. We hope that the limestone deposits of Purulia would be utilised to feed the cement factories of Durgapur.

Now, I would like to mention about an industry that has already been mentioned by my hon. friend, Shri A. C. Guha—I mean the sericulture industry in India. A miserable state of affairs exists and the whole industry is facing a crisis. Since 1952-53, each year the Central Government have allocated huge amounts of loans and grants to the West Bengal Government. But for the last few years, the West Bengal Government has not been able to spend even one-fourth of those amounts. Therefore, the Central Government should not sleep over this subject on the ground that it is in the State sphere. They should inquire why this industry of West Bengal is facing this crisis. Mere transfer of the Sericulture Institute will not solve the problem.

Lastly, as it is not possible for our country to switch over our economy from the agricultural sector to the industrial sector and as it will not also be possible to open the flood-gate of employment potential in our industries immediately, the development of cottage and village industries is needed. In my State, a huge quantity of electricity is produced by the DVC. But how is it utilised? Power is being sold to the big jute and cotton mills and engineering factories. The main purpose for which the electricity was produced is not being served. Like an ordinary commercial firm, Government are selling energy to the big capitalists. The question of rural electrification or supply of power to village or small-scale industries is out of the question.

I would request Government to see that this power is supplied to the small-scale industries of Howrah and other areas of West Bengal so that industries can be developed in those areas at a low cost. It has already been mentioned by some hon. Members that at Howrah, there are innumerable engineering factories. During war-time, Howrah was called the 'Sheffield of India'. All sorts of engineering machinery parts can be

produced in that area. But the small engineering factories are going to be closed down for want of raw materials and money. It is on the side orders of big factories of Burn Company Jessop etc. that they now exist. They cannot independently exist without their help and their kindness. So Government should take the initiative in granting loans, in supplying power and raw materials and permits for raw materials, so that these small industries can live and develop.

In conclusion, I would like to say that in any case the development of commerce and industry depends not on the magnitude of a industry or the number of factories, but on the policy that has to be pursued by Government.

श्री कौरवकर (हैदराबाद) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, सबसे पहली मेरी शिकायत हम मंत्रालय के खिलाफ यह है कि हमने पिछले साल की भान्ति इस साल अपनी रिपोर्ट हमारे सामने पेश नहीं की है। अगर यह रिपोर्ट हमारे हाथों में आ जाती तो हम और भी अच्छी तरह से इस मंत्रालय की मांगों पर विचार कर सकते थे। एक बार सफे की समरी हमारे पास भेजी गई है जोकि काफी नहीं है। जिस तरह से दूसरे मंत्रालयों की रिपोर्ट हमें दी जाती है, उसी तरह से इस मंत्रालय की रिपोर्ट भी हमें दी जानी चाहिये थी।

जिस तरह से इसने रिपोर्ट देने में सुस्ती दिखाई है, उसी तरह की सुस्ती यह मंत्रालय इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन के बारे में दिखा रहा है। यद्यपि हमें रिपोर्ट नहीं दी गई है तथापि अर्थ मंत्री जी के भाषण के साथ साथ जो अर्थ समीक्षा का एक पैम्फलेट हमको दिया गया था उसमें यह मालूम होता है कि पिछले दो सालों के मुकाबले में इस साल इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन में काफी कमी हुई है। १९५१ को इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन को अगर इकाई मान लिया जाए तो १९५४-५५ में यह अंक १२२ था, १९५५-५६ में १३३ और १९५६-५७ में

१४४ हुआ और अब जाकर १४८.९ हुआ है। इसका मतलब यह हुआ कि जहां पिछले तीन सालों में बराबर १० प्रतिशत की इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन में वृद्धि होती रही है वहां इस साल, यानी द्वितीय पंच वर्षीय योजना के काल में, जबकि यह कहा जाता है कि इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन पर ज्यादा जोर दिया जा रहा है, यह अंक घट कर केवल ४ अंक पर या यों कहिये कि साढ़े तीन प्रतिशत रह गया है। यह जो इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोडक्शन में कमी हुई है, यह चिन्ताजनक है और दिल को धक्का लगाने वाला है। यदि इसी तरह से यह कमी होती गई तो इस योजना में इंडस्ट्रीस पर ज्यादा तबज्जह देने में क्या फल हमारे सामने आयेगा नहीं कहा जा सकता। इस तरह से अच्छे परिणामों की आशा नहीं की जा सकती है। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि इस कमी को रोकने के बारे में कुछ न कुछ अवश्य किया जाएगा और यह देखा जाएगा कि इसमें वृद्धि हो।

अपनी तरफ से मैं इसको बहुत अधिक भयानक चीज नहीं मानता। इसका कारण यह है कि पिछली पंचवर्षीय योजना के आखिरी साल में यानी १९५५-५६ में जबकि बहुत सी स्कीमें पूरी हो चुकी थी और द्वितीय योजना का पहला साल शुरू हो चुका था, जो कुछ भी उन स्कीमों के कारण उत्पादन में वृद्धि हुई थी, वह इस योजना के शुरू होते ही दिखाई देने लगी थी। सम्भव है १९५७-५८ में इस कमी का यह भी एक कारण हो। लेकिन यही एक कारण नहीं हो सकता है। इसके और भी कारण हो सकते हैं। मैं चाहता हूँ कि गवर्नमेंट इस ओर अवश्य ध्यान दे और उत्पादन में कमी न होने दे।

अब मैं इस मंत्रालय को दो बातों के लिए बधाई देना चाहता हूँ। गत साल दो बड़े करार इसने किए हैं। एक करार तो सोवियन यूनियन के साथ किया है जोकि हैवी मशीनरी बनाने के बारे में है और दूसरा जेक गवर्नमेंट के साथ ठलाई की मशीन

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और फोबिंग प्लांट लगाने के बारे में है। ये जो करार हमल में आये हैं, इनका स्वागत किया जाना चाहिए। इसको मैं मंत्रालय की दूरदर्शिता का द्योतक मानता हूँ। आने वाले सालों में बड़ी मात्रा में जो लोहा पैदा होने वाला है उसको किमी काम में लगाना, अच्छे काम में यूटिलाइज करने की कोशिश करना, अच्छी बात है और इसके लिए मंत्रालय धन्यवाद का पात्र है।

निर्यात के बारे में बहुत से माननीय सदस्यों ने कहा है। इस चीज को मैं भी चन्द एक शब्दों में दोहरा देना चाहता हूँ। पिछले साल में जो जो चीजें यहां पर विचारार्थ पेश की गई हैं, उनमें फारेन एक्सचेंज का माबल प्रमुख था। उस वक्त हमें यह बताया गया था कि अगले साल हम और भी अधिक माल निर्यात करने की कोशिश करेंगे। यह निर्यात ऐसी चीज है जो कि किमी देश के हृदय की गति को कायम रखता है और देश को स्वस्थ और जिन्दा रखता है। इसकी ओर हमारा अधिक ध्यान होना चाहिए। इसके बारे में जो भी आंकड़े अर्थ समीक्षा में दिए गए हैं, उम्माह-जनक नहीं हैं। अर्थ समीक्षा में बताया गया है कि पिछले साल के सितम्बर तक निर्यात २६७ करोड़ का हुआ था और उसके पिछले वर्ष सारा निर्यात ६३७ करोड़ का हुआ। इस वर्ष के २६७ करोड़ के निर्यात को हम कितना भी बढ़ा कर देखें यह इस साल मार्च के आखिर तक ६३७ करोड़ हो जाएगा, इसकी सम्भावना नजर नहीं आती है। कल अर्थ मंत्री महोदय ने इस बात को हमारे सामने रखा था कि निर्यात पिछले छः महीनों में ज्यादा हुआ है। यह बहुत ही संतोष की बात है। लेकिन उसके साथ ही साथ उन्होंने यह नहीं कहा कि यह निर्यात १९५६-५७ से भी ज्यादा होगा। इससे मालूम होता है कि निर्यात अगर बहुत अधिक होगा तो यह ६०० करोड़ तक पहुँच जाएगा, इससे अधिक नहीं। साल भर की

कार्रवाइयों के बाद और तमाम एक्सपोर्ट्स देने के बावजूद भी तथा निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने का हर सम्भव प्रयत्न करने के बाद भी अगर १९५६-५७ के निर्यात के मुकाबले में १९५७-५८ का निर्यात कम रहता है तो सचिवालय के लिए यह शोभा की बात नहीं होगी। यह किसी के लिए भी बनाई वाली बात नहीं हो सकती है। इसकी चिन्ता हमको भी तथा मंत्रालय को भी होनी चाहिए। इस वर्ष हर सम्भव प्रयत्न किया जाना चाहिए और निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने की हर कोशिश की जानी चाहिए, इस वर्ष भी अगर निर्यात पिछले वर्ष की अपेक्षा कम रहे, तो यह चिन्ता का विषय हो जाता है। यह अच्छा नक्षण नहीं है। इस ओर आपको अवश्य ध्यान देना चाहिये।

आपने एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन कार्डमिन्स बनाई है। उद्योग तथा व्यापार के पक्ष में इन कार्डमिन्सों के रेजोल्यूशंस रहते हैं, रिकोमंडेशंस रहती हैं और बड़ी बड़ी स्पीचिंस दे दी जाती हैं वे पड़ी रहती हैं लेकिन इनमें कुछ हाँ नहीं सकता है। मेरा कहना केवल इतना है कि इन एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन कार्डमिन्स में खाली स्पीचिंस कर देने से और प्रस्ताव पास कर देने से और रिपोर्ट गाया कर देने में ही काम नहीं चल सकता है, उसमें निर्यात नहीं बढ़ सकता है। निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए दूसरी प्रकार की कार्रवाइयाँ करने की आवश्यकता है और मैं आशा करता हूँ, सचिवालय उस ओर भी ध्यान देगा।

निर्यात करने के लिए हमारे पास तीन प्रमुख चीजें हैं और वे हैं, चाय, ज्यूट, और कपड़ा। इन तीनों पर माननीय सदस्यों ने काफी प्रकाश डाला है और मैं इनके बारे में अधिक नहीं कहना चाहता हूँ। चाय के बारे में मैं केवल इतना कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह एक ऐसा व्यापार है जो कि प्रधानतः भारत के ही हाथ में था। लेकिन कुछ कारणों से आज धीरे धीरे इसमें भी हमारी

स्थिति मजबूत नहीं है, क्षति होती जा रही है। वह क्षति क्यों हो रही है, इस और गवर्नमेंट को ध्यान देना चाहिए। यहां पर इस साइड से भी और उस साइड से भी यह कहा गया है और मैं इससे इस वक्त अपनी सहमति प्रकट करता हूँ, कि चाय की ट्रेड को कम से कम इस वक्त के लिए स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कारपोरेशन के हाथ में सरकार को दे देना चाहिए। इससे सरकार के सामने यह चीज अच्छी तरह से खुल कर आएगी कि चाय की ट्रेड में कमी क्यों हो रही है और जिन कार्रवाइयों को करने की आवश्यकता है, इस ट्रेड को बढ़ावा देने के लिए, वे की जा सकें और यह ट्रेड हमारे हाथ में रहे और जो फारेन मार्केट है, वह हमारे हाथ में रहे। इससे एक तो आपको विदेशी विनिमय अधिक मिल सकेगा और दूसरे आपका निर्यात भी ज्यादा हो सकेगा।

दूसरी चीज उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने आपके सामने जूट की रक्खी है। जूट के बारे में भी यह देखने में आ रहा है कि निर्यात बराबर कम होता चला जा रहा है। सितम्बर, सन् १९५६ तक जो छिमाही खत्म होती थी उस छिमाही में ५६.७ करोड़ रुपये का जूट का निर्यात हुआ था। अगली छिमाही में जो मार्च, सन् १९५७ को खत्म होती थी उस वक्त तक जूट का निर्यात एक दम बढ़ कर ६९ करोड़ रुपया हो गया था। यह एक बहुत ही अच्छी और अभिनन्दनीय बात हुई थी लेकिन यकायक फिर पिछले साल यह निर्यात एकदम कम हो गया है और सितम्बर सन् १९५७ के आंकड़ों से यह मालूम होता है कि मार्च से सितम्बर की छिमाही में ६९ करोड़ से एकदम यह निर्यात कम होकर ४७ करोड़ टन रह गया है यानी करीब करीब २२ करोड़ की कमी हुई है और यह एक बड़ी बिन्ता की चीज है। अगर महीनेवार आंकड़ों को देखा जाय तो यह मालूम होता है कि दिसम्बर, १९५७ में ८८ हजार टन जूट की गांठें बाहर गई थीं जब कि जनवरी

१९५८ में एकदम ८८ हजार से गिर कर ७५ हजार टन रह गई हैं यानी एकदम यह गिरावट हो रही है और इस गिरावट के सम्बन्ध में जांच पड़ताल करने की बहुत जरूरत है क्योंकि जूट एक ऐसा पदार्थ है जिससे फारेन एक्सचेंज हमारे देश को बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में मिलता है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य का समय खत्म हो रहा है। वे अपनी बात जल्दी समाप्त करें।

श्री कौरकर : चूंकि घंटी बज चुकी है इसलिए मैं उन तमाम बातों को जिनका कि मैं जिक्र करना चाहता था न कह कर केवल खास २ बातों को ही कहूंगा। कपड़े के बारे में कल जो इस सदन में एनार्डसमेंट हुआ है वह बहुत अच्छा हुआ है और उसका अनुमोदन करता हूँ। बहुत से माननीय सदस्यों ने उस ऐलान का स्वागत किया है और मैं भी उसका स्वागत करता हूँ लेकिन इतना अवश्य कहूंगा कि अगर यही ऐलान कल से पहले कर दिया जाता तो ज्यादा अच्छा होता। कपड़ा व्यवसायियों ने इसके लिए बहुत शोर मचाया और अन्य लोगों ने भी उसकी मांग की और शोर मचाया और कपड़ा उद्योग में लगे ३०, ४० हजार मजदूर बेकार हो गये। इतना सब कुछ होने के बाद जो यह चीज की गई तो यह कोई बहुत शोभा की बात नहीं है और अगर यह घोषणा पहले हो जाती तो ज्यादा अच्छा रहता।

शक्कर उद्योग के बारे में मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह उद्योग बहुत तेजी के साथ हमारे देश में बढ़ रहा है। इन दम मालों के अन्दर शक्कर का उत्पादन हमारे देश में करीब २ दूना हो गया है जब कि मंत्रालय के अन्य जेशों की अपेक्षा यह देश बहुत कम शक्कर खाने वाला है और अभी भी अनेक और देशों के मुकाबले यह केवल एक दसवां हिस्सा शक्कर खाता है। जितनी जेशों के साथ शक्कर

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उद्योग इस देश में बढ़ रहा है उसी तेजी के साथ शक्कर की खपत भी हमारे देश में बढ़ेगी, यह नहीं कहा जा सकता पिछले दो सालों में २० नये चीनी के कारखानों की स्थापना की इजाजत दी गई है और ३० चीनी के कारखानों के विस्तार की इजाजत दी गई है। जब देश में शक्कर का उत्पादन आगामी ५, १० वर्षों के भीतर काफी बढ़ने वाला है तो इस मंत्रालय को इस बात का ख्याल रखना चाहिए कि यह जो ज्यादा शक्कर पैदा होने वाली है वह पड़ी न रह जाय और बाहर के देशों में उसका निर्यात करने के लिए कोई माफूल स्कीम बनानी चाहिए।

मैं शुगर एसोसियेशन को धन्यवाद देता हूँ कि पिछले साल उन्होंने नो प्राफिट नो लीस बेसिस पर १३ कोड़ की शक्कर बाहर भेजने का प्रयत्न किया है लेकिन यह पर्याप्त न होगा और सरकार को इस बात के लिए पूरी तरह इंतजाम करना चाहिए कि शक्कर की उत्पत्ति जिस तेजी के साथ बढ़ रही है उसको देखते हुए वह उसके निर्यात की व्यवस्था करे और इस चीज के ऊपर उसके लिए गौर करना बहुत जरूरी है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, बाकी चीजों को छोड़ कर मैं आंध्र प्रदेश की जनता की तरफ से कुछ अपनी मांगें भी सचिवालय के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ और सबसे बड़ी चीज निजामाबाद में जो न्यूजपेपर फैक्टरी खोलने का विचार सचिवालय के सामने है उसको जल्दी से जल्दी कार्यान्वित किया जाना चाहिए।

बोचन, डिस्ट्रिक्ट निजामाबाद में एशिया की सबसे बड़ी शुगर फैक्टरी है और सालों टन फोक (bagasse) वहां पर जला दिया जा रहा है। उसके लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार के सामने एक बड़ी भारी

स्कीम है कि वहां इस फोक को काम में ला कर न्यूजपेपर, प्रसवारी कागज का कारखाना खोल दिया जाय जिसकी कैपसिटी कम से कम शायद १ हजार टन मासिक के करीब करीब होगी। यह चीज २ साल से चल रही है और अभी तक जहां तक मेरा ख्याल है खतोकिताबत के भागे वह चीज नहीं गई है जो कि हमारे लिए एक तरह का दाग है। खासतौर से इसकी ओर मैं इसलिए और भी तबज्जह दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने एक दूसरी ऐसी ही फैक्टरी के लिए प्राइवेट सेक्टर में इजाजत दे दी है और अगर प्राइवेट सेक्टर की फैक्टरी पहले खुल जायेगी और वहां पर पहले काम शुरू कर दिया जायेगा, पता नहीं कहां तक सही है लेकिन मैंने सुना है कि उसके लिए बहुत सी कार्यवाहियां भागे बढ़ चुकी हैं और अगर यह फैक्टरी पहले खुल जायेगी और पब्लिक सेक्टर में खुलने वाली फैक्टरी उससे पीछे रह जायेगी तो यह भी कोई हमारी नीति को देखते माफूल बात नहीं होगी। उसके प्रतिरिक्त इस वक्त हिन्दुस्तान को प्रसवारी कागज की बहुत सख्त जरूरत है। कल ही हमारे प्रधान मंत्री महोदय ने इस चीज को सामने रखते हुए यह कहा था कि किताबें यहां पर सस्ती होनी चाहियें और किताबें तभी सस्ती हो सकती हैं जब कि प्रसवारी कागज का उत्पादन काफी मात्रा में होने लगे। इसलिए गवर्नमेंट को इस ओर विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए।

इसके बाद दो छोटी २ मांगें आंध्र प्रदेश की तरफ से मैं और रखना चाहता हूँ। लोहे के कारखाने की स्थापना के बारे में मैंने पहले भी कहा है और उसको फिर दुहराने की जरूरत नहीं है लेकिन इतना मैं जरूर कहना चाहता हूँ कि लोहे का बीचा कारखाना अगर अभी खुलने वाला है तो उसके लिए दक्षिण में ही स्थान देना चाहिए।

दक्षिण में एक कारखाना खोलने की बहुत जरूरत है। अब कोई कहेंगा कि यह कारखाना मैसूर में हो और कोई कहेंगा कि आंध्र में कायम हो लेकिन मुझे इसमें कोई सरोकार नहीं है। वैसे मैं यह बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में आंध्र गवर्नमेंट ने भी एक प्रपोजल भेजा है कि यह लोहे का कारखाना राजमुन्दी में खोला जाय और बस्तर की धारण और को काम में लाया जा सकता है और यह चीज भी मैं भरकार के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ...

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : अब माननीय सदस्य स्वप्न करें।

श्री कोरडकर : दो कारखानों के लिए मैं और कहना चाहता हूँ...

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : जो आपने कहे हैं पहले उनकी तो लग जाने दीजिये बाद में दूसरों के लिये कहियेगा।

श्री कोरडकर : फाटलाइजर फैक्टरी की स्कीम बहुत दिनों से सरकार के सामने है और मैं चाहता हूँ कि रामगुंडम या संगारानी में फाटलाइजर फैक्टरी खोली जाय। दूसरे विजिगापट्टम में डीजल मैग्नेट इंजनों का कारखाना खोला जाय। केन्द्रीय सरकार के सामने खुद यह दोनों चीजें हैं और मेरा निवेदन है कि उस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक कार्रवाई शीघ्र की जाय।

इस मंत्रालय के जो खर्च के अनुदान रखे गये हैं उनको स्वीकार किया जाय और उन पर कोई कटमोशन स्वीकार न किया जाय।

Shri Shankaraiya (Mysore): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir we have started our Second Plan and the aim is a substantial development of the industries. By force of circumstances and by the policy adopted by the Government and approved by this House,

there have been developments of these industries in both the sectors—private and public. But it is a sad feature, that this development though accepted by this House and by the country as a whole has led to a good deal of criticism and hatred, and a tirade is being carried on by persons who are interested in big business that the public sector has deprived many of them of these industries. They criticise those industries taken over particularly by the public sector. Instead of mutual co-operation for development in the interest of the country, it is a sad feature to see that a regular tirade is being carried on against this public sector. Particularly the Mundhra incident has led to a good deal of criticism and big industrialists have formed into a forum known as Forum of Free Enterprise and are trying to carry on a regular campaign to see that the public sector is blackmailed and pulled down. I am not opposed to the private sector. I am not opposed to any help or assistance being given to the private sector.

The private sector has also to play a prominent part. Besides we have also accepted the policy that public sector has a greater part to play under the circumstances for the speedy development of the country's industries. Instead of mutual co-operation, if this sort of a spirit is to be exercised by the private entrepreneurs, this House will have to seriously take the matter into consideration. Apart from this, I would not like to go into details of these cases, now, because it is a well-discussed and well-accepted policy.

In the meanwhile, this Mundhra incident has led to another kind of controversy, namely, the investment policy. There is also another controversy with regard to the administration of companies by the Company Law Administration. This Mundhra incident has also brought into light the question of yet an undecided factor, namely, whether the Government is going to adopt backdoor nationalisation policy. All sorts of

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criticisms or protests have been made. In the light of these circumstances and in the interest of the development of our country, I would like to put before the Government a suggestion of mine. Besides the two, the private and the public sectors, a third intermediate or a *via media* kind of policy may be adopted, wherein the private sector and the Government could co-operate by contribution of shares in the capital. The Government have issued loans to many of the present industries, wherever such industries are there, and which have to be worked in the interest of the country and developed and nourished and progressed the private entrepreneur as well as the Government can share in the capital, wherein the entire management or administration may be left into the hands of the private sector itself, the Government may reserve the right of control. If there were to be any mismanagement or in order to prevent any of the abuses that are practised by the private sector, the Government may interfere and take over the management, or guide, to the best advantage. This is not a new feature that I am proposing. This kind of policy is being practised to the best interest by the Government of Mysore. This is a matter which has to be seriously considered by the Government. This will be a healthy feature if it is introduced into the Industrial sector.

If I may give some instances, Mysore has been a pioneer in industries. It started several industries before any other State could do it. The method it adopted was that there were joint stock companies. The public were also asked to contribute. The private entrepreneurs who wanted to make a start and take to industries were also encouraged. The Government also put in its money in the share capital. Though the Government had the controlling interest of 51 per cent. in the shares the management was left entirely in the hands of private enterprise. Because the Government had its investment and interest in the development of those

industries it had its representatives in the Board of Directors. They could prevent any kind of abuse. The management was in the hands of private enterprise, the public also had interest in the running of the companies and the abuses were very little compared to the abuses that were there in the managing agencies system in other parts of the country. This kind of industrial policy is pursued in the Mysore State, where there has been even now good co-operation between the private entrepreneur and the Government. There was harmony in the best interest of the development of those industries. They worked well and they have been working well. To give one instance, the Hindustan Aircraft was started in a similar manner. The Mysore Sugar Company and the Mysore Paper Mills were also started in a similar manner. They have been working very well. I do not know why the Central Government should not accept this policy, or at least seriously consider it and see that the private entrepreneur and Government co-operate. The Central Government—wherever possible the State Governments may also be asked—should co-operate and work together. They should help the private entrepreneur and see that instead of merely taking industries into the public sector this sort of policy is also pursued. I would commend this to the serious consideration of the Minister.

An Hon. Member: They are having it.

Shri Shankaraiya: They are not having it in the Centre; only the Mysore Government is having it.

Now, Sir, on the floor of this House we had a discussion with regard to certain industries. With regard to TELCO Shri Feroze Gandhi revealed so many facts. Though it is a matter to be dealt with by the Railway Ministry as regards furnishing the cost of production of engines and the running of it, the Central Government

have advanced heavy loans. The other day it was voiced by this house that it should be nationalised. It was complained that the loan that was given for the development of TELCO, particularly for the manufacture of Railway engines, was being utilised for the manufacture of trucks and sections of other industries. Now, the loan is there. Instead of withdrawing the loan, it can as well be converted into a share in the capital. The Government can become a shareholder. The management and administration by the private enterprise would be still there, but the industry could be run more profitably. The Government can invest the life insurance amount or any other amount to the best advantage. Because the Government representatives would be there they will be guarding the interests of the government as also of the factory, the development of the factory. They will see that there are no abuses either in respect of profits or any other means being practised.

Similarly, there are many other industries. For example, the Jessops have come into the picture. There are many such companies. I do not want to waste the time of the House by giving instances of the kind. They can as well be converted into co-operative enterprises or joint enterprises with the Government and the private sector, so that instead of their being misused, mismanaged or taken advantage of by the managing agencies they may be run in the best interests of the country. I will mention about the mismanagement that is prevalent in the big industries when the Company Law amendment comes in. I have hardly any time to mention them here. But I would like to place this matter for the serious consideration of the Minister and to see that this policy is pursued hereafter.

Then, Sir, I would like to refer to the Raw film Industry. We have been importing a good deal of raw film from outside by incurring a good deal of foreign exchange. It is a drain on the foreign exchange. The

film industry is being starved. The development has been very little. The Government are seriously considering this question and I hope they have already come to a decision to start one film industry in our country. In this matter the initiative was taken by the Mysore Government. They wanted to start the film industry at Krishnaraja Sagar. That was considered to be an ideal place for that industry. The Mysore Government carried on negotiations with several foreign firms. They came to an agreement with a French firm. The agreement was about to be entered into. Then the question of integration came in and the Central Government decided that they want to start the film industry. I understand that they have come to a decision and they are going to start it. Though the Mysore Government made all preliminary attempts and were about to enter into an arrangement, to see that the factory is located at a particular place, attempts are now being made to shift it to another place. The Mysore Government is anxious to invest some amount in it. The public of Mysore are also interested in having this industry established there. The Central Government can also play its part and see that the Mysore Government and the public of Mysore who are anxious to invest their money in this industry are given a fair chance by establishing this industry there. Apart from this I do not wish to say anything more about it. The Mysore Government had finalised the whole scheme and were about to enter into an agreement with the French firm. At that time it has been snatched away from them. I hope the Central Government will give Mysore its due share and see that the raw film industry is located at Mysore.

Shri Palaniyandy (Perambalur): What about the expert's opinion?

Shri Shankaraiya: It was only after taking the expert's opinion and finalising the financial commitments and other things that the Mysore Government were about to enter into an agreement with the French firm. The French firm was ready to help the

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Mysore Government. All terms and conditions were finalised and only the agreement had to be signed. It was at that time that the Central Government intervened and wanted to take up this industry themselves (*Interruption*). I could not hear the interruption.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member should not allow himself to be dragged into it because what he has to say will then be left out.

Shri Shankaraiya: Sir, before I speak about the handloom industry I would like to say one or two words with regard to the Silk Board. The Silk Board has been there for the last 9 or 10 years but the activities have been taken up seriously only for the last five years. Formerly there was shortage of money and they could not do anything. Now money has been given in plenty by the Central Government, but the progress that has been made is not very satisfactory. So many reasons have been assigned for this. Even though the amount was there, they say that trained personnel were not there. But the fact is that even though there were trained people they were not being made use of. The second reason that has been assigned is that many of the States have not put into operation or implemented many of the schemes sanctioned by the Silk Board; even though amounts were allotted they could not implement the schemes. Therefore, in between the Central Government, the Silk Board and the State Governments the sericulturists have suffered very much. For a very long time it has been a protected industry. Mysore is the State where nearly 80 per cent of raw silk is being produced. There are also several other allied industries. Silk has got also a foreign market. Because of the non-development of this industry, many of the poor rearers and reelers have been suffering a good deal of loss. The foreign trade has also been affected. Now that heavy sum has been allotted for this industry, I request the Government to see that this money is utilised well and

all the schemes are implemented and the production of silk is not only improved in quality and in quantity but the other connected industries are also developed.

In this connection, I would like to mention that Mysore is the pioneer in this industry and nearly 80 to 90 per cent of this product is being produced in Mysore State. After a good deal of consideration, the Silk Board that was situated at Bombay was shifted to Bangalore, because at Bangalore they could concentrate on the industry and supervise the work, being the centre of the industry, and they could also see that many of these schemes are implemented. But now, I fear that, for no reason at all and merely because some Bombay merchants and other industrialists have urged for its being shifted to Bombay the Board is to be shifted to Bombay again. The location of the Silk Board at Bangalore seems to be inconveniencing, and does not happen to fit in with the I.C.S. officer. If that is shifted to Bombay, it is not justice done to the industry. The convenience or inconvenience to the officers to attend the meetings of the Board and all such things should not lead to the Board being shifted to Bombay. The industry and the Board should be located in a place where the farmers, the rearers and the reelers can take advantage of the office and make improvements, and come to the office for help in implementing the schemes. There is a research section; there is a training section, there are so many other factors which need to be developed at Mysore. Therefore, I request that the Silk Board should be maintained at Bangalore.

Before I close, I crave your indulgence to make one more point about the handloom industry. The handloom industry has been given a good deal of impetus and development. It has proved its worth, and it has been doing good work also. But, it is unfortunate and I wish to tell Government that the expected results

have not been achieved, because of the lack of incentive, lack of drive by the Board. Merely because the Handloom Week is observed and an impetus is given, things cannot improve, and the way in which the Handloom Board is working is not satisfactory. Many of the weavers have not yet come into the co-operative fold in spite of efforts. The reasons should be brought out as to why they have not been able to come to the co-operative fold in spite of all the steps taken to get them into that fold. I would request the Government to go into that aspect.

There was the central marketing society which was started only four years back. Within the course of two or three years, it has incurred a loss of Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. It is meant to give assistance to the weavers in case of foreign and inland trade, but the link between the marketing society and the other societies has not been properly established and the society has been running on a loss.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member's time is up.

Shri Shankaraiya: One more word with your indulgence.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Even after the reference to the handloom industry?

Shri Shankaraiya: It is in respect of the handloom industry alone, Sir; particularly in my State, this industry has not developed properly. I wish to bring to the kind notice of the hon. Minister that out of the cess fund allotted for the development of the handloom industry some other work is being made. This fund has been diverted to other processes. It is in this way. People have been taken, under the Mill Cess Fund, and they have been asked to work in different departments. In the rural industries sector, when the amount is given to the relief of the weavers, and when the weavers' work itself is suffering

owing to the lack of funds and proper personnel, if some people are drawn in and asked to work in different fields or in different departments, will it not be a misapplication of this Fund?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: One word should not be spun out so long.

Shri Shankaraiya: I have brought to the notice of the State Government many of the difficulties that have been found in the industry in Mysore State, and I hope the Central Government will also look into them and rectify them as early as possible.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There are 148 cut motions. The following are the selected cut motions relating to various Demands under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry which will be treated as having been moved, provided they are otherwise in order. A list indicating the numbers of selected cut motions will be put on the Notice Board and will also be circulated to Members tonight for their information.

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Policy regarding nationalised business corporations under the administration of the Ministry.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri (Berhampore): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced to Re. 1."

Need for securing balanced regional development of industries

Shri D. R. Chavan (Karad): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced to Re. 1."

Aspect of inequalities resulting from regional disparities in industrial development

Shri D. R. Chavan: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced to Re. 1."

Failure of the Government to develop a rational and balanced export policy

Shri Jagdish Awasthi (Bilhaur): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced to Re. 1."

Policy of issuing Import licences

Shri Naushir Bharucha (East Khandesh): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced to Re. 1."

Problems of textile industry

Shri D. R. Chavan: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Problems of jute industry

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to start fertilizer factory in proximity of Koyana Project in the district of Satara, Bombay State

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to start aluminium factory in district of Kolhapur, Bombay State

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to grant import licences to certain Sugar Factories in Maharashtra and Gujarat

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to allow export of groundnut oil and other vegetable oils for earning valuable foreign exchange

Shri Tangamani (Madurai): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to cancel unused licences for import of textile machinery

Shri Tangamani: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity of reducing the wide disparity in the scales of pay and allowance of the officers and those of other ranks in the Secretariat and other Departments

Shri B. Das Gupta (Purulia): I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in regard to the export of vegetable oils and oil cakes

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in regard to sending of teams abroad for the promotion of trade

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to ensure supplies of Indian tea at fair prices to Indian consumers

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent the monopolistic hold of a few concerns in tea auctions at Calcutta and Cochin

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Working of the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports and Offices subordinate to it

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to pursue a sound policy in regard to the import of consumer goods

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Malpractices in the use of actual users' import licences and ad hoc licences

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent the abuse of the user's licences for import

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Unrealistic clubbing together of several items ranging in value from Rs. 5 to over Rs. 5 lakhs in the same serial number in the Red Book

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to assign the reasons in rejecting the applications of genuine parties for import of essential articles

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to take adequate steps to prevent the trading in import licences

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent delays in the matter of issuing import licences for essential articles and in the disposal of appeals

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in regard to the implementation of trade agreements between India and other countries

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in respect of the manufacture of automobiles

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to institute an enquiry into the issue of import licences in the past to find out the results of past policies, leading to the current foreign exchange difficulties

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to keep company-wise lists of import and export licences issued

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to increase the volume of trade of the State Trading Corporation in respect of exports and imports in which private sector has a monopolistic grip

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to negotiate the required volume of barter trade to reduce the difficulty of foreign exchange

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop the export of ores through Cochin Port

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to negotiate for capital machinery from U.K., U.S.A. and Japan on barter basis for the ores supplied

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for abolishing monopoly of trade in bidi leaves prevalent in Orissa

Shri P. K. Deo (Kalahandi):, I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to check closure of Textile Mills

Shri Naushir Bharucha: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prescribe effective procedure for inquiry into working or closure of industrial concerns, under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act

Shri Naushir Bharucha: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy regarding cotton textile development

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced to Re. 1."

Hurried and heavy industrialisation of India minimising the potentiality of the small industries in the economic life of the rural population.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced to Re. 1."

Failure of the Government to make adequate provisions for small scale industries.

Shri Jagdish Awasthi: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced to Re. 1."

Failure of the Government to make adequate provisions for the development of rural industries.

Shri Jagdish Awasthi: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced to Re. 1."

Failure of the Government to develop the tea industry and the export of tea in a rational manner.

Shri Jagdish Awasthi: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced to Re. 1."

Failure to check closure of textile mills.

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to check closure of jute mills.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Expansion of Handloom Industry in Uttar Pradesh

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Establishment of more small industrial units in Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to export shoes to Soviet Union and Poland.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to pay rebate to Weavers' Co-operative Societies in time in Uttar Pradesh.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop cottage industries in West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop Small Scale Industries in the district of Howrah by arranging to supply them power from the Damodar Valley Project.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop silk industry in West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop the handloom industry in West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to stop the closure of Cotton Textile Mills of West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to stop the closure of Jute Textile Mills of West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to control tea business of West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to promote drug production scheme of Durgapur.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to utilize lime-stones of Purulia for manufacturing cement.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Black-marketing of cement in West Bengal.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Working of State Trading Corporation.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Working of Cotton Textile Promotion Council.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Working of National Industrial Development Corporation.

Shri Ghosal: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop cottage industries in Marathi region of the Bombay State.

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop handloom industries in Maharashtra.

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop small scale industries in district of Satara North and South and Kolhapur and Ratnagiri

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to stop the closure of cotton textile mills in Maharashtra.

Shri D. R. Chavan: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent partial closure of the power loom factory at Virudhunagar, Madras State.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Inadequate grants for development of handloom industry.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to restore the cut in the rebate on Handloom cloth.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Large sum allotted to Ambar Charka under grants to All India Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to reduce the production of matches in factories run by power so as to help development of cottage industry.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to protect B.C.D. class match factories by extending concessions to them.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent closures of Textile mills.

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop the cutlery and carpenters tools industries in the district of Purulia on Cottage and Small Scale basis.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to provide adequate measures for developing the lac Industry in the Purulia district of West Bengal.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop the existing tassar Industry in the district of Purulia.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop and protect the existing small-scale glass industry in Calcutta.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to make a thorough and comprehensive survey of small-scale, cottage and village industries in India.

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to provide easy loans for the artisans of small-scale industries

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to organise the marketing of the small-scale industries production

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to provide easy and cheaper transport facilities for small-scale industries production

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to organise the 'Small-Scale Industries Corporation' on a decentralised basis for proper development of small-scale industries

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Shifting of Central Sericulture Institute from Behrampur, Murshidabad, West Bengal

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to establish district units of 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission' for adequate development of Khadi industry and Ambar Charkha'

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move.

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Closing of Coffee Houses in Calcutta

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for establishing a cement factory in the district of Purulia, West Bengal

Shri B. Das Gupta: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to provide adequate relief to the retrenched workers of the India Coffee House

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in respect of closing down of India Coffee House

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent the growth of monopolies in the Chemical industries.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to ensure the cheapest possible prices of yarn required by the handloom industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Hardships of the small units in textile production especially by the proposed excise duties on such units products

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent the malpractices of the private sector in the observance of standards set up by the Indian Standards Institute

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Collaboration and financing of the Indian Standard Institution by representatives of private industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in enforcing the keeping of the best standards in products

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Influence of private sector in setting up of the standards of the Indian Standards Institute

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity to make the Indian Standards Institute a completely government-owned concern in view of experiences of its functioning

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity to have tests of quality in terms of standards presented by the Indian Standards Institute in government-owned laboratories and test houses

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop industries to produce basic materials from indigenous resources

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to develop industrial uses of cashew shell oil in India

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent foreign monopolies participating in capital and consumer goods manufacture

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Policy in respect of Chemical Industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Working of Indian Standards Institution.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure-to provide adequate relief to coir industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to improve economic condition of workers who produce hand-spun coir yarn

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to step up exports of coir mats and mattings

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to conduct proper research to reduce retting time required for coconut husks, in the use of coir making

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to give preference to coir mats and mattings for floor furnishing in Government of India's buildings

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need to declare coconut husk as an essential commodity under appropriate law.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to start a rubber factory in the public sector in the rubber producing belt to reduce the monopoly of foreign concerns in the rubber goods industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Favour shown to a company in giving permission to start a rubber factory in Bombay State in partnership with an Italian firm

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to ensure that the new factories licensed for the manufacture of tyres etc., are located in the rubber producing belt of India

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Excessive profits of the foreign companies in the manufacture of rubber goods

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to organise research for the conversion of coir dust, left after the extraction of fibre, into useful products

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Regional disparity in development of industries

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for availability of cheap hydro-electric power in Kalahandi Phulbani and Bolangir districts of Orissa for development of small scale industries

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for starting of an aluminium plant in Dandakaranya area to utilise the vast bauxite deposits in Kalahandi and Koraput hills

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Delay in starting the paper mill at Kesinga in Kalahandi District

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Prospects of another paper mill at Malkangiri to utilise the vast bamboo forest of Koraput District

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Delay in starting a cement factory in Sambalpur District to utilise the vast lime stone deposits of that area

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move.

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in preventing the growth of monopolies in the Cement Industry and the manufacture of Hume Pipes

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Plight of medium and small sized Match factories in face of competition from giant undertakings of the WIMCOS

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in checking the manipulation of prices of industrial products

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity to institute a Commission to assess the value of the working of the Tariff Commission

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Position of cycle manufacturing industry

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to encourage the manufacture of products from spices like pepper, cardamom, turmeric, ginger etc., and essential oils like lemon grass oil

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to start the manufacture of vitamins from the lemon grass oil and cashew apples

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to start industries for the manufacture of industrial requirements from mineral sands of Kerala

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to take effective steps for the proper location and distribution of new industrial units on the basis of the recommendations of the States Reorganisation Commission

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to utilise spices like ginger for the extraction of tinctures, derivatives, etc.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for starting a sugar factory at Junagarh in Kalahandi district

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for starting tea and coffee plantation on the hills of Kalahandi and Koraput district, Dandakaranya area

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for setting up of an Industrial Estate at Kesinga or Titilagarh in Orissa

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Need for improvement in the handloom industry in Orissa

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Nationalisation of paper industry in Orissa

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in giving adequate help for the manufacture of Oriya type-writer

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Industries' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Black-marketing in cement in the country

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Commercial Intelligence and Statistics' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to appoint "Controllers" for managing companies like Jessops and Co., and other concerns of Mundhras

Shri Tangamani: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in checking the avoidance of the provisions of Company Law, by private and public limited companies

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity to amend the Company Law to ensure real control of companies to prevent them from defrauding their shareholders, the consumers and the Government

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity to change the system of keeping the accounts of our foreign trade

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the Demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Lack of prospective planning of our foreign trade

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure in adequately diversifying foreign trade

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to expand the market for coir and coir products in foreign countries.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to take proper steps to increase the export of coir to countries which do not take much coir products at present

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to take over the export of Indian tea, to the extent necessary to prevent the existing monopolies controlling tea export

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to increase the tea export to countries where tea is now sold at high profits by re-export from U.K.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to prevent under invoicing by exporters who have their own organisations in foreign countries

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Over-invoicing of subsidiaries of foreign firms for supplies from parent organisations abroad.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Departments and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Failure to negotiate with other pepper producing countries for stabilising the prices of pepper :

Shri V. P. Nayar: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Miscellaneous Department and Expenditure under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Necessity of starting the second ship-yard at Paradip on the Orissa Coast.

Shri P. K. Deo: I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head 'Capital Outlay of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry' be reduced by Rs. 100."

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: These cut motions are now before the House.

श्री जगदीश प्रस्थो : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, काफी देर से वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के अनुदानों के सम्बन्ध में चर्चा हो रही है। इसमें पहले कि हम अनुदानों के सम्बन्ध में विचार करें, यह आवश्यक है कि वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय की जो औद्योगिक नीति है उस पर थोड़ा सा विचार कर लें। हमारे देश में मुख्य रूप से कृषि का धंधा है। यदि हम औद्योगिक दृष्टि से देखें तो हम अपने देश का औद्योगिक निर्माण इसी धन्धे से करते हैं। अगर हम दृष्टिपात करें तो हमारा देश कृषि के क्षेत्र में और अन्य औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में बहुत कुछ पिछड़ा हुआ है। यद्यपि हमें स्वतंत्र हुये दस वर्ष हो गये हैं लेकिन हम इनका कहने का साहस नहीं कर सकते कि कृषि के क्षेत्र में और औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में देश आत्म-निर्भर हो चुका है। आज वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय की जो औद्योगीकरण की नीति है उसको हम एक ही वाक्य में कह सकते हैं कि "उसकी मंशा केवल देश के बड़े बड़े शहरों में बड़े बड़े कारखाने, ऊँचे पैमाने पर कायम करने की है। लेकिन मैं कहना चाहूंगा कि इस देश में, जो कि इतना विशाल देश है

और जहाँ पर बहुत सी समस्याएँ हैं, केवल कुछ शहरों में ही बड़े पैमाने पर बड़ी बड़ी मिलें हम खोल दें तो उससे देश का निर्माण नहीं हो सकता। जब तक इस बात को दृष्टि में न रखेंगे कि हमारे देश में जो सात लाख गांव हैं, उन गांवों में भी औद्योगीकरण का प्रसार हो, तब तक इस देश का सम्पूर्ण निर्माण होना असम्भव है। आज यामों में सरकारी औद्योगिक नीति का कोई इस प्रकार का असर नहीं हो रहा है जिससे गांवों में जो लोग खेती करते हैं, उनको दूसरे धन्धों में ले जाया जा सके। और उनको और काम मिल सके जिससे कि बेकारी खत्म हो सके और उनकी जेबों में कुछ पैसा आ सके। मैं चाहूंगा कि आज वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय इस देश में ऐसी नीति अपनाये जिसमें कि गांवों में भी औद्योगीकरण और छोटे छोटे धन्धों में प्रमाण की शक्ति आ जाय।

आज देश के अन्दर जनसंख्या इतनी अधिक बढ़ी हुई है कि हम उसका ठीक दिशा में प्रयोग नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। मैं चाहूंगा कि वाणिज्य मंत्रालय इस ओर ध्यान दे कि उद्योग केवल धन से ही नहीं चलते हैं। जब तक हम उद्योग में धन को नहीं लायेंगे, जब तक उसका मिश्रण उद्योगों के साथ नहीं होंगे तब तक देश में कोई उद्योग धन्धे नहीं चल सकते हैं। आज आवश्यकता इस बात की है कि गांवों में जो गिल्फकार हैं, जो किसान हैं, जो इस देश में काम करने वाले आदमी हैं उनको धन्धों में लगा कर इस बात का विश्वास दिलाया जाय कि देश का जो निर्माण हो रहा है, जो कुछ उस में लांग कर रहे हैं, उनसे अतिरिक्त दूसरे कामों को कर भी वे कुछ पैदा कर सकते हैं और उससे कुछ और लोगों को रोजगार और रोजी का काम मिल सकता है।

इस पश्चात् इस देश का जो मुख्य उद्योग है, सूती वस्त्र उद्योग, उसका सम्बन्ध

में मैं कुछ निवेदन करना चाहूंगा। विगत दस वर्षों से सूती वस्त्र उद्योग का जो घन्घा है वह प्राइवेट सेक्टर के या जो देश के बड़े बड़े उद्योगपति हैं उनमें हाथों में रहा है। आज वस्त्र उद्योग में कितनी ही समस्याएँ उत्पन्न हो गई हैं। अगर आप ध्यान से देखें तो कुछ में मजदूरों की छंटनी हो रही है, कहीं प्ले आफ हो रहे हैं, कहीं रिट्रेंचमेंट हो रहा है, कहीं क्लोजर हो रहा है और इस सब का परिणाम एक ही हो रहा है कि आज इस औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में बेकारी बढ़ती जा रही है। दूसरी तरफ जो हमारे देश के उद्योगपति हैं वे एक नारा लगाते हैं, हर दूसरे तीसरे साल आवाज उठाते हैं कि स्टॉक बहुत हो गया है, बाजार में हमारे माल की खपत नहीं हो रही है, हम अपनी मिल को क्लोज करना चाहते हैं। इतना ही नहीं, एक तरफ यह नारा लगा कर बनावटी शोर मचाते हैं और दूसरी तरफ कहते हैं कि माल इतना बढ़ गया है कि हम देश से उसका निर्यात करना चाहते हैं। यह सरकार भी इस बनावटी शोर में आ जाती है। एक तरफ क्लोजर हो रहे हैं, बेकारी बढ़ती जा रही है, दूसरी तरफ सरकारी आंकड़ों में सिद्ध होता है कि जहाँ हमारी दूसरी चीजों का निर्यात बढ़ा है वहाँ कपड़े का भी निर्यात बढ़ा है और वे लोग निर्यात लाइसेंस ले कर अधिकाधिक मुनाफा कमाते हैं। मैं चाहूंगा कि इस सम्बन्ध में विचार किया जाय कि आखिरकार उद्योगपति झूठे क्लोजर का बहाना ले कर, स्टॉक बढ़ने का बहाना ले कर, जो समस्या पैदा कर रहे हैं वह कहां तक ठीक है। मैं इस सम्बन्ध में एक उदाहरण देना चाहूंगा। हमारे उत्तर भारत का सब से बड़ा औद्योगिक नगर कानपुर है। वहाँ सूती वस्त्र उद्योग की कई मिलें हैं। मूंदड़ा साहब, जिन के सम्बन्ध में सदन में और सदन के बाहर भी बहुत चर्चा हुई और आज भी हो रही है, हमारे नगर में जहाँ और उद्योगपति हैं, वह भी एक उद्योगपति बन गये। एक वर्ष पहले वहाँ जो सब से बड़ा

कंसन ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन का था, उन्होंने उसको हथियाया और उसके बाद उसके कोष से धन निकाल कर दूसरी जगह ले गये। परिणाम यह हुआ कि जो ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन के प्रतिष्ठान थे, उन के मंचालन में गड़बड़ी हुई जो कि स्वाभाविक ही थी। आज कानपुर में ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन का एक प्रतिष्ठान जो कानपुर काटन मिल्स है, वह मूंदड़ा साहब के इस प्रकार के कामों से बन्द हो गया जिससे वहाँ बेकारी बढ़ी हुई है। कई बार सदन में इसकी ओर ध्यान आकर्षित किया गया, लेकिन इस पर ध्यान नहीं दिया जाता है, और अब जब कि मूंदड़ा साहब ने ब्रिटिश इंडिया कारपोरेशन के प्रतिष्ठानों की आर्थिक स्थिति को नष्ट कर दिया अपने स्वार्थों के लिये, उनकी छानबीन हो रही है। इस समय सरकार की आंख खुली है किन्तु जब इतना सब हो रहा था उस पर कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया गया। जिस प्रकार सरकार ने अब उनके कुछ प्रतिष्ठानों की जांच करने के सम्बन्ध में एक कमेटी बनाने का निश्चय किया है, मैं वागिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय से यह प्रार्थना करूंगा, मांग करूंगा कि कानपुर में जितने बी० आई० सी० के कंसन हैं, जिनमें मूंदड़ा साहब का हाथ है तथा जिनमें गड़बड़ी पैदा हो गई है जिससे कि वे चल नहीं सकते, उनमें छंटनी होगी, बेकारी होगी और औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में असान्ति पैदा हो रही है, उनकी जांच की जाय। मैं तो कहता हूँ कि सरकार उन प्रतिष्ठानों को अपने हाथ में ले कर संचालित करे। एक तरफ सरकार की ओर से कहा जाता है कि अगर हम इन प्रतिष्ठानों को लेंगे तो हमें मुनाफा नहीं हो सकता है। मंत्री जी को यह भीख होगा कि कानपुर में एक म्योर मिल है जिसमें कई उद्योगपतियों का हाथ है। वह मिल बन्द हो गया, बड़ी परेशानी पैदा हो गई और अन्त में उस मिल में हड़तालें हुईं, सब चीजें हुईं और अब वह मिल एक उद्योगपति के हाथ में आई है। मुझे मालूम हुआ है कि

[श्री जगदीश धवस्वी]

फरवरी के महीने में उसकी जो बैलेंस शीट बनी है उसमें मुनाफा होना शुरू हो गया है। भाज सरकार को भय हो गया है कि उसमें मुनाफा नहीं होगा ? मैं एक उदाहरण देना चाहता हूँ। हमारे मंत्री जी कानपुर पघारे थे तो उन्होंने शंका प्रकट की थी कि कानपुर की म्योर मिल अगर ले ली जायेगी तो वह चल नहीं सकती। लेकिन भाज उसमें मुनाफा शुरू हो गया है। मैं चाहूंगा कि इसी प्रकार के बी० आई० सी० के जो कंसर्न मूंदड़ा साहब के हाथ में हैं, जिनके कारण खतरा उत्पन्न हो गया है, अगर आप चाहते हैं कि देश का औद्योगीकरण हो, तो उनको अपने हाथ में लीजिये।

16 hrs.

इसके पश्चात् इस देश में जो भारत सरकार की निर्यात नीति है उसके सम्बन्ध में मैं कुछ कहना चाहूंगा। हमारे देश से जिन वस्तुओं का निर्यात हो रहा है, उन में से चाय, मँगनीज और जूट मुख्य हैं। इस बारे में सदन में दो रायें नहीं हैं कि अगर हम इन चीजों पर अपने को कंसंट्रेट करें तो निश्चित रूप से हम इनका इतना निर्यात कर सकते हैं कि जिससे विदेशी मुद्रा का, विदेशी विनिमय का अर्जन करके देश का निर्माण कर सकते हैं। मैं उदाहरण के लिये केवल चाय के उद्योग को लेता हूँ। चाय के सम्बन्ध में यहां बहुत चर्चा की गई। आप देखेंगे कि सन् १९१३ से सन् १९४७ देश के अन्दर चाय की आन्तरिक खपत और निर्यात मिला कर २१ गुना बढ़ी है। सन् १९४७ से अब तक हम इस पर बहुत रुपया खर्च कर रहे हैं, हमने टी बोर्ड भी बना रखा है जो कि उसका इन्तिजाम करता है, और भी बहुत सी चीजें करता है। ड्यूटी भी दो रुपये से चार रुपये कर दी है। इतना सब करने के बाद भी उतना निर्यात नहीं बढ़ा है।

हमारे देश की चाय की विदेशों में बहुत मांग और इज्जत रही है। लेकिन अब हमारी चाय की विदेशों में मांग कम होती जा रही

है। सीलोन हमारे देश के मुकाबले एक बहुत छोटा देश है। यदि आप सीलोन और भारत के चाय के निर्यात के बिगत पांच छः सालों के आंकड़ों की तुलना करें तो आपका मालूम हो जायेगा कि सीलोन की निर्यात नीति में कितनी स्थिरता आ गई है लेकिन जो हमारा चाय का निर्यात हो रहा है उसमें अस्थिरता आयी है। आप देखें कि भारत से सन् १९५१ में ४५४ मिलियन पाउंड चाय निर्यात हुई है, सन् १९५२ में ४१४ मिलियन पाउंड निर्यात हुई, सन् १९५३ में ५०० मिलियन पाउंड चाय निर्यात हुई सन् १९५४ में ४४९ मिलियन पाउंड चाय निर्यात हुई और सन् १९५५ में ३६३ मिलियन पाउंड चाय का हमारे देश से निर्यात हुआ। सन् १९५६-५७ में जो हमारे यहां से चाय का निर्यात हुआ है उसके बारे में स्वयं मंत्री जी ने निर्यात सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में भाषण करते हुये कहा कि सन् १९५६ में हमने जितनी चाय निर्यात की थी, सन् १९५७ में यद्यपि आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं उतनी चाय निर्यात नहीं हुई। इसका मतलब यह है कि जो सन् १९५६ में निर्यात हुआ था उससे सन् १९५७ में कम रहा। दूसरी तरफ आप सीलोन को लीजिये। वहां पर सन् १९५१ में ३०५ मिलियन पाउंड चाय का निर्यात हुआ, सन् १९५२ में ३१४ मिलियन पाउंड का निर्यात हुआ, सन् १९५३ में ३३५ मिलियन पाउंड का निर्यात हुआ, सन् १९५४ में ३५६ मिलियन पाउंड चाय का निर्यात हुआ और सन् १९५५ में ३५७ मिलियन पाउंड चाय का निर्यात किया गया। इन आंकड़ों को देखने से मालूम होता है कि सीलोन जैसे छोटे देश का चाय का निर्यात स्थिर गति से बढ़ता जा रहा है। हमारे देश में चाय के निर्यात की, जो कि सब से ज्यादा विदेशी मुद्रा कमाता है, स्थिति गम्भीर है।

मैं मंत्री जी के एक वाक्य को यहां पढ़े देता हूँ जो उन्होंने निर्यात सलाहकार परिषद्

की बैठक में कहा था। "चाय के द्वारा हम अब भी अपना बहुत अधिक विदेशी विनिमय कमा रहे हैं। सन् १९५६ में १४३ करोड़ रुपये कमाये, सन् १९५७ में काफी कम रुपये मिलने की आशा है। इसका कारण यह है कि विदेशी बाजारों में चाय के मूल्य गिरे हैं और दूसरा यह कि परिमाण में भी चाय का कम निर्यात हुआ है।" मंत्री जी के ये शब्द इस बात के द्योतक हैं कि विदेशी बाजारों में हमारे निर्यात का परिमाण भी कम हुआ है। इसके कारण की खोज करना चाहिये कि ऐसा क्यों हो रहा है। आज हमने इसके लिये टी बोर्ड भी स्थापित किया हुआ है। उसके ऊपर इतना रुपया खर्च कर रहे हैं। वह क्या काम कर रहा है। ये चीजें क्यों हो रही हैं। मुझे मालूम हुआ है कि जब से यह टी बोर्ड अस्तित्व में आया है इसकी आन्तरिक कार्यप्रणाली संतोषजनक नहीं रही है। आप उसके प्रचार विभाग को देखें, विज्ञापन विभाग को देखें, किसी विभाग को देखें उसका काम असंतोषजनक रहा है, ठीक काम नहीं हो रहा है। वह समय पर फोगर्स भी नहीं दे पा रहा है जैसा कि मंत्री जी ने खुद कहा है कि सन् १९५७ के निर्यात के आंकड़े हमारे पास नहीं हैं। उसने आज तक वे आंकड़े ही नहीं दिये हैं। इन चीजों को देखना पड़ेगा। मैं समझता हूँ कि अगर हम चाय पर ही कंसंट्रेट करें तो हम बहुत विदेशी मुद्रा कमा सकते हैं।

आज देश के ६५ प्रतिशत चाय बागान विदेशियों के हाथों में हैं। उनसे जितना भी मुनाफा होता है वह विदेशों में जाता है। इस तरह से हमारे देश का बहुत सा धन विदेशों को चला जा रहा है। क्यों नहीं उद्योग मंत्रालय इस बात की देखता और चाय के उद्योग का राष्ट्रीयकरण करता। हमारे देश का धन हमारे देश में रहना चाहिये।

आखिर में, ज्यादा न कहते हुये, मैं एक बात की ओर ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता

हूँ। हमारे मंत्री जी ने निर्यात सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में कहा था कि हम इतनी चीजों का आयात कर रहे हैं और यह स्थिति देश के लिये बड़ी खतरनाक है। उन्होंने कहा कि जिन चीजों का हम देश में आयात करते हैं उनका देश में निर्माण होना चाहिये। निर्माण के सम्बन्ध में मंत्री जी ने एक सुझाव दिया है। वह मैं इस सदन के सामने पेश करना चाहता हूँ। मंत्री जी ने कहा कि "इसके अलावा सरकार ने भारतीय औद्योगिकों को विदेशी सहयोग प्राप्त करने के लिये प्रोत्साहित किया है जो अपने साथ प्राविधिक ढंग की बहुत सुविधायें ला सकते हैं"। मंत्री जी ने इस देश के उद्योगपतियों का प्रोत्साहन दिया है कि अगर हम देश का औद्योगीकरण करना चाहते हैं तो हमें विदेशियों को यहां बुला कर उनके सहयोग में यह काम करना चाहिये। मैं समझता हूँ कि यह बहुत खतरनाक खेल खेला जा रहा है। आज हम राजनीतिक स्वतंत्रता के वातावरण में सोच ले रहे हैं। लेकिन इतिहास बतलाता है कि संसार के जितने भी उद्योगपति हैं उनका कोई देश नहीं होता। उनका एक ही धर्म होता है। चाहे देशों की सरकारें लड़ जायें लेकिन वे कभी आपस में नहीं लड़ते। उनका यही धर्म होता है कि अधिक से अधिक मुनाफा कमाना और शोषण करना। हम यों ही विदेशों से कर्ज लेते जा रहे हैं। उस पर भी जो इस प्रकार का प्रोत्साहन हम भारतीय उद्योगपतियों को दे रहे हैं यह बहुत खतरनाक खेल खेला जा रहा है। इस पर सदन को विचार करना होगा। मेरी अपनी निश्चित राय है कि हम जो भी निर्माण का काम करें वह अपने साधनों से ही करें चाहे ऐसा करने में हमारी प्रगति धीमी क्यों न हो। हमको विदेशों का अश्रित नहीं होना चाहिये। हम राजनीतिक स्वतंत्रता में रह रहे हैं लेकिन हम आर्थिक दामता को ओर बढ़ते जा रहे हैं।

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha
(Palamau): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir,

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some criticism has been levelled against the Commerce Ministry and it is said that the unwise policy of the Commerce Ministry has been responsible for the bad foreign exchange position. Though this criticism has been levelled, no specific instance was cited, except about the import of some German silver plates. No figure has been produced by our hon. friends from the Opposition to show that the import policy adopted by the Government has been responsible for this situation. As a matter of fact, after all what was the alternative before the Government? In a developing economy, in a planned economy, we have seen that not only today even Russia had to face this difficulty—the difficulty of shortage of foreign exchange—and for the development of Soviet industry they had to look for German help not only in the shape of technicians but financial aid also they had to accept.

Today when we see the development of China, we know that most of the development projects in China are being financed by Russia and other allied countries and plenty of technicians are working there. Then, what was the alternative before the Government? Was it possible for Government to reduce the import of producer goods or to curtail the import of machinery? This was never advisable when the position today is that more than 80% of our imports is of producer goods machinery. There may be certain further scope for the curtailment of imports but the policy adopted by Government cannot be said to be improper. It is very fortunate that our friends in Opposition, who used to criticise the foreign financial or technical aid, are now no more vehement as they used to be and one of our friends from the Opposition has already said that even China today has to accept foreign aid from the Soviet allied countries.

If today our foreign exchange position has improved there may be some

relaxation for the import of raw materials, especially for small scale industries. We have seen that some of our engineering industries are growing fast and they are finding a good market in the Middle Eastern and the Far Eastern countries, but some of them are suffering from the shortage of raw materials. If the position improves, it is essential that those industries that import a certain type of steel—a special type of steel—may be permitted to import.

Though, of course, this time no hon. Member has criticised that the Government is not following the policy of diversification of trade, last year some hon. Members had said that even most of our foreign trade is allied or connected with American and European countries. But has there been any lapse on the part of the Government? Has there been any less effort on the part of the Government if within these two or three years maximum effort had been made to establish trade relations to have imports of machinery from Russia and allied countries? The result is also encouraging. We have seen that in some of our big industries, Russian and Czechoslovakian participation is rapidly growing and in our export trade too we are trying our best to find out markets—especially, the State Trading Corporation was created for this work. But though some improvement is there as far as export of certain commodities are concerned, other commodities like jute goods are not finding encouragement in those countries. Even then I also suggest that the maximum effort should be made to increase our commercial relations with the Soviet countries.

Today some sections of the industrialists have started to criticise the public sector though now it is an established thing that in a mixed economy the scope of public industries is bound to increase. Even then like the Forum of Free Enterprise they have started an organised effort

to belittle the performance of the public sector. But, their own effort, I think, is detrimental to the interests of the private sector. Instead of harming the public sector, their criticisms and the way in which they are trying to belittle the public sector will tell more upon the private sector.

Today, the performance of the public sector may not be free from criticism. But, on the whole, we find that it is progressing rapidly. In my last year's speech, I suggested that the Industrial cadre should be rapidly expanded and greater facilities for training of staff for the management of the public sector industries should be provided. Though there has been progress and many people have been provided with facilities of training, still, the public sector industries are facing shortage of proper people to handle them.

I would like to say that care should be taken to see that there is no wastage in the public sector. Some criticism has been made in this House that top heavy expenditure in the public sector is growing and there has been wastage. This was the experience of other countries too. Even in China, this was the experience. In the beginning there was huge wastage. Slowly, they have been able to cut down wastage and heavy expenditure mostly on buildings and other things. The time has come—we have advanced so much—when proper vigilance has to be kept over expenditure in the public sector.

Most of the public sector industries today are being financed by foreign loans which we have to pay back. We must see that the cost of production goes down in the public sector, because we have to pay back our loan. On the whole, the working of the public sector, when we look at all these industries, is expanding and much improvement has been made, except for the shortage of personnel which we should try to overcome. If need be and if people are available from some of the commercial firms,

they may be employed in the Industrial cadre. Of course, there is also the difficulty in that most of the people engaged in the management of the private sector are handsomely paid so that the public sector industries are not offering any attraction to them.

Is it possible to have planned development unless we have complete control over the private sector? What is happening today? Government is trying to help most of the private sector industries with finance for the construction of houses for labourers. Whenever there is a crisis in the private sector, Government comes forward to finance these industries. Today, what is the control of the State over the private sector? Even as the Registrar has said, the Inspectors have not been able to have full control over these industries. Today, if they want to have some documents which are necessary for a proper investigation, they have no right to get them. There is plenty of tax evasion. Because the State cannot enforce control over the proper working of the industries in the private sector, sometimes we feel that the State is helpless. Whenever any loan is advanced to the private sector, it is better that, instead of a loan, the State should have direct participation and greater control over the private sector.

We have seen that some of the textile mills have closed down. We have seen what is happening to the Asahi Glass factory which was the Sodepore Glass factory. Though the Government had to invest a huge amount of money, because the Government had no control over the Board of Directors, it was terribly mismanaged. The time has come when we should have greater control over the private sector industries. As our public sector industries are growing which are financed by foreign loans which we have to pay back, some of these industries, some further expansion of the industries in the private sector should also be taken over by the public sector. Further expansion in

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the private sector industries may be financed by the public sector.

I come from an area which is sufficiently rich in minerals. But, the population is practically living at starvation level due to continuous drought. It is essential that small-scale industries should be given a greater fillip in view of the fact that agriculture cannot play an important part in that area. My area entirely depends on the production and export of shellac. Today, because of speculative tendencies and because the foreign trade of shellac is completely controlled by foreigners, the position has deteriorated. The producers are not able to take sufficient advantage of this. It is better that the external trade in shellac is handed over to the State Trading Corporation, which is already expanding. The risk may be reduced so that the producer may get a fair deal.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: His time is up.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: I shall finish in one minute.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has given the lowest priority for his area. How can I help him?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: In Chotanagpur, we have got electric supply, and we have got raw materials. It is essential that small-scale industries should be increasingly provided in that area. This area is most suitable for not only small-scale industries, but for heavy industries too. The Government is also trying to start big industries there. We are thankful for the establishment of the heavy machinery industry recently at Ranchi. The Czechoslovakian plant, I think, is also going to be located there. I hope that our fourth steel plant, as has been decided, will be located at Bokaro and there will not be any change in that scheme. Even then, some of the industries in my part are facing shortage of raw material, mostly steel, which must be

looked into. They are suffering from financial difficulties. So, finance may also be provided.

Shri Manubhai Shah: I am very grateful to hon. Members for the very keen interest that they have shown in the working of this Ministry and for the very constructive suggestions that they have made during the course of the debate.

There have been several occasions when the matter of foreign exchange has been debated in this House, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry last time also explained, and on a previous occasion I had also an opportunity to lay before the House the exact position regarding foreign exchange. I will only deal, this afternoon, with the points made by Shri Bimal Ghose and Shri Prabhat Kar as regards this very important item.

It has been the unfortunate experience of some of us that in spite of several clarifications on this account to the effect that the general trend of the import-export policy in the last five years has been one which will promote industrialisation, some of the misunderstandings still persist.

I would not treat the House to too many figures, but I would again repeat a few figures which I had last time also mentioned before the House to show that the entire trend of the import of different types of goods in this country has been one of promotion of industrial development in this country, that the indigenous angle of promoting the manufacture of at least all such parts progressively which can be manufactured in this country in a phased manner has been consistently adhered to, that the import of such goods which are not vital to the national economy, and particularly the consumer goods, is gradually being tapered off, and its place is being taken by machinery, capital goods, producer goods and industrial raw materials.

It was, therefore, rather surprising to me that Shri Ghose should have

made a point that the balance of payment position is not being judged from a long-term angle, but only in a very short-sighted way. I am only quoting the figures of the actual imports in the last few years, for every half-yearly period, to show the trend to the House.

In January-June 1955 plant and machinery worth Rs. 45 crores were imported. It rose to Rs. 55 crores in July-December 1955. It touched Rs. 67 crores in January-June 1956. It was Rs. 74 crores in July-December 1956, and it was Rs. 84 crores in January-June 1957 for which we have the final figures. I know that that trend is being maintained even in the latter half of 1957.

So, the House will be able to see that from a sum of Rs. 45 crores for plant and machinery to be imported in the first half of 1955, the figure in the first half of 1957 was Rs. 84 crores almost a 90 per cent rise in the import of capital goods. This should, I suppose, satisfy my friend Shri Ghose that we are not looking at the problem of balance of payments or external payments or balancing of import and export from any short-term angle, but that we want to see that the dependence of the country largely on imports from foreign countries is reduced as early as possible, and that in the next decade or two, by a progressive policy of industrialisation spread in the vital sectors of the economy, our dependence on foreign imports is gradually reduced.

The second item which plays a very major role, as a matter of fact the most vital role, is the import of industrial goods, that is, the producer goods which are the raw materials for different types of industries. There also, the trend is visible. The House will be glad to note that in the first half of 1955 the import of industrial goods was Rs. 177 crores while it touched Rs. 196 crores in July-December 1955. Again, it rose to Rs. 229 crores in January-June 1956

and touched Rs. 252 crores in July-December 1956. It was Rs. 292 crores in January-June 1957. That is, within a course of two years, the import of industrial raw materials which directly contribute to the production of capital goods, machinery and different types of industries in this country rose from Rs. 177 crores to Rs. 292 crores, and I can assure the House that more than that, the vital trend is being maintained even in the latter half of 1957 and the beginning of this year.

On the other hand, as far as consumer goods are concerned the position is reverse. I may here caution the House that the definition of consumer goods as mentioned now, as being followed now, is also not strictly a very correct definition. It includes all sorts of things, and at the earliest possible time we may have to reconsider the question of classifying consumer goods correctly as they are understood in economic terminology. But, even as the definition stands, the House will be pleased to know that gradually the licencing of consumer goods which was Rs. 214 crores in 1955, and which stood at Rs. 216 crores in 1956, was reduced to Rs. 163 crores for the total of 1957. There again, we have made a drastic saving of almost 25 to 30 per cent. within a period of two years.

Shri Dasappa: The question is why it was not started earlier, two years earlier at least.

Shri Manubhai Shah: It has been several times explained, and the Prime Minister also in his speech yesterday and before that too, has mentioned the causes and the reasons why in the year 1956 and before we had not been as careful as we are today. I would here again plead with the hon. Members to remember the temper in the whole country; in the five years, from 1951-56 when our Sterling balances were accumulating, everywhere the general cry was for liberalisation of imports. I am not pleading that today as an excuse as

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to why it was done but history is so quickly forgotten. If hon. Members refer to what the Chambers of Commerce, the Federation and the Industries' associations all over the country and almost all Members of this House said, if they refer to most of the speeches, they will find that generally at that time, as our Sterling balances were largely accumulated, the feeling was to allow more and more imports. Even so.....

Shri Ranga (Tenali): May I just remind him that from 1948 onwards several of us have been criticising the Open General Licence policy of importing more and more of these consumer goods and luxury goods?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It was then thought they were wrong, but now they have been found to be right. Nothing strange in it.

Shri Ranga: But then he is going back upon it and saying that everybody was asking for this import, and therefore it was allowed.

Shri Manubhai Shah: I am not saying everybody. I am saying it will be borne out if the hon. Member refers to the records that liberalisation of imports was hailed throughout the country, but I am not giving that as a reason. When I say generally this was the trend, it does not mean there were not many wiser friends also who perhaps knew.....

Shri Ranga: It is no good bringing in "wiser" or wisdom. Wisdom unfortunately did not dawn there.

Shri Morarji Desai: Do not get angry.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Even if it was so, we have now to proceed with the present position.

Shri Manubhai Shah: What I was trying to urge was that we are generally considering the performance of

the Ministry in the past year, and if the.....

Shri Ferose Gandhi (Rai Bareilly): You are speaking from the ex-Finance Minister's seat!

Shri Manubhai Shah: What I was saying was that, whatever may be the defects of the previous policy because of lack of experience or lack of knowledge of the amount of foreign exchange that would be required for capital goods and producer goods, in the last one year the policy has been continuously corrected, and the process, if I may submit again, has been continuous, and it is not as if a sudden correction has been made. There has been a reduction in consumer goods imports, and even if some of the figures of 1951 are seen, you will find there has been a continuous increase in the import of industrial goods, producer goods, capital goods and machinery. This was given merely to correct the impression that the policy even during the current year, as my friend Shri Bimal Ghose insisted, even during 1957, has not been properly worked out. I may, therefore, submit that the House will be convinced.....

Shri Bimal Ghose: That was not what I suggested at all. I was giving you the position of the balance of payments, and I said this was the position. I did not say you had not reduced.

Shri Manubhai Shah: What I was suggesting was that there is a long-term balance of payments policy, with the entire priorities towards the import of things which are vitally required for the industrial development of the country. And it will not be correct to surmise, if I can have my own say—because the hon. Member had his opportunity, I suppose—that because in 1955 or 1956 the position was somewhat different, therefore, in 1957 we have followed the same policy. As a matter of fact, it is just to the contrary. There have been drastic cuts, and 160 and odd

items of the so-called consumer goods have been cut down in January, 1957.

There is also another impression which has been created by the Economic Survey, which the Finance Minister placed before the House along with the Budget, which I would like to clarify. There has been a mention there that owing to the shortage of pig iron and some of the industrial raw materials because of the stringency of foreign exchange, the production in some of the industries has slightly declined. Here also, I would like to clarify the position. Except for cotton textiles, where in 1957 the production has practically stagnated at 5,340 million yards, in most of the other sectors of industry production has been continuously rising, and it will not be correct to say that in spite of the very great hardship in the matter of foreign exchange in 1957, the production in the vital industries has gone down; on the other hand, the rate of growth has continuously increased. Therefore, I was surprised when my hon. friend Shri Koratkar mentioned that production was precipitously falling. It is nothing of that sort. It is true that the industrial index was 133 in 1956 with 100 in the base year 1951; that is, over a period of six years, the percentage rise was only 33 per cent. Perhaps, even now we have not got the gross index of domestic products of industrial origin or the industrial index of production worked out on the annual basis. It may be that the 6 per cent. might taper down to 5·8 or 5·7 or 5. I cannot say with any certainty because it has not been worked out, but I shall place before the House the general average of monthly indices for examination.

In 1955, the general index of industrial production was 122·1; it rose in 1956 to 133, and in 1957 it touched 147·2, which means a rise between 1955-56 of 10·9 and between 1956-57 a rise of 14·2. So, even on this examination, the rate of growth is not really low. What really has happened is this. These indices are of a very

peculiar type in that a particular type of national production is given a certain weightage in the multipliers, and, therefore, when the gross industrial index is produced, it might be that perhaps because textiles have not registered any progress—there was a rise of only about 30 million yards in 53,00 million yards, which is no acceleration or increase at all—this 6 per cent. which is the average of the industrial index might get reduced, but I am not sure on that also, because in the general index of industrial production, we have registered in 1957 a rise over that in 1955-56.

As for chemicals and chemical products and engineering products which, I do hope Shri Bimal Ghose will agree, are really the foundation of industries, we have touched the phenomenal figure of 289 as far as manufacture of machinery is concerned. The House is very much concerned every time with the development of the machine-building industry in this country. The figure was 163 in 1955 and it went up to 215, which means a rise of about 52 points in one year, and it touched the figure of 289 in 1957, which means a rise of about 74 points. From whatever little experience I have got of industrialisation or industrial development, this, to my mind, is certainly a highly satisfactory development, as far as machine-building is concerned.

We find the same thing in regard to engineering industry also. The rise is from 183·3 points to 236·2 points in two years. In the case of chemical industry, which comes third in the line of priority of industrial development, the rise is from 159 to 180·7 during the course of the last two years.

So, I can assure the House that though the mention in the Economic Survey that the industrial production in respect of some industries has declined is factually correct, it does not mean the whole story. As a matter of fact, torn out of context, it is likely to create a certain amount of

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misunderstanding. Consistently, in spite of the difficulties—extreme difficulties, I should say—on the front of foreign exchange for the import of component parts, steel, and producer goods, we have been endeavouring to see that the rate of growth of industrial production does not go down.

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Another happy feature on this particular front is the development of heavy and basic industries both in the public and private sectors. As the House is aware, in 1947 at the time of partition and independence, this country had practically no production of industrial machinery of any kind. We have touched in the year 1957 a production of Rs. 36 crores per annum worth of this heavy machinery, which for a country which is just starting on the high way to industrialisation is not a mean achievement.

If we examine the Second Five Year Plan provision, out of Rs. 550 crores, if we take away about Rs. 460-470 crores in the public sector for the steel plants, Rs. 80 crores only were left for the other heavy machinery industry. But as the House is aware, and as we have been laying before the House from time to time the programme, we have now undertaken a programme running into Rs. 300 to Rs. 400 crores which is itself a highly gratifying feature. The Central Heavy Machine building plant with Russian collaboration might take Rs. 80 crores in the first stage and Rs. 160 crores in the second stage. The three drugs plants, which were never provided for under the Second Five Year Plan, when it was drafted, will consume something like Rs. 60-65 crores. The heavy foundry forge, the plate and vessels works, the structural works and heavy machine tool works between themselves will claim about Rs. 50 crores on the heavy machine building side.

Similarly, on the fertiliser and other heavy industries side also, considerable amount of progress has been made, and I can assure the House of that feeling that the new external payments policy for the coming decade or more than a decade is going to be based principally on saving, on everything, on capital goods, on heavy industry, basic industry, producer goods and industrial raw materials, so that at a distant future when this country really becomes prosperous, when we go on the high way towards industrialisation, we will not have to depend on imports of capital goods and machinery from foreign countries.

Shri Bimal Ghose: When will that be, and what were they doing?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The foundation is being laid. As a matter of fact, if my hon. friend wants more details, the Central heavy machine building plant which is being established at Ranchi shall be producing one complete steel plant, A to Z, every two years when fully completed, and this will be one of the biggest steel machinery manufacturing plants in the world.

Similar is the position in the field of drugs. I would not again refer to those items. But when all this production, about which very great details have been given on the floor of the House from time to time, is planned, and if my hon. friend goes through those details—I know that he is always factual and tries to be objective—knowing him fully well as I do, I have no doubt that he will also feel convinced that the basic industrial development, the development of the producer goods industry and the machinery goods industry, is taking place at a rate which should enable this country to become less and less dependent on foreign imports.

Then there was a question raised about the working of the public sector. I can say that if the House bears with

me and goes into certain of the figures of production, they will be highly satisfied with the performance of the public sector in general, barring one factory—about which I have been all the time mentioning—the Nepa Mills, which is somewhat of a sick baby, at the moment, of the public sector.

Take the question of the Hindustan Machine Tools Factory which even according to the original promoters and the planners, the Swiss firm, was not expected to go beyond 300 machines in 1960 and which only produced 75 machines last year, but has this year just touched the figure of 348 machines. It was totally unexpected. We have crossed over the target of 1960-61 in 1957-58. The machine tools produced by the Hindustan Machine Tools Factory are first class, tool room class, 'swing lathes', of which any country should be proud. If you see the quality—and recently we had it examined by some of the foreign experts—and the productivity reached in the Hindustan Machine Tools, at least 150 persons today can claim :9 productivity with their Swiss counterparts.

Shri Feroze Gandhi: How many were they able to sell?

Shri Manubhai Shah: All sold. For 2 to 2½ years we are booked. And we have 10 per cent. more productivity per man. Of course, 180 is only about 10 to 12 per cent. of the total labour strength. But it is a matter of pride that in an industry like this, a pioneering industry, running in the public sector in an under-developed country, where manning by technical experts is a very complicated problem, we should have reached a productivity of :9 man to one Swiss man. Gradually, we are introducing the incentive bonus system there and it is the first public sector factory to have the incentive bonus system. And, we hope that with the blessings of this House and the encouragement of hon. Members given to the public sector, we shall be able to show better results.

Then, there is the question of Sindri. As everybody knows, it has crossed the production mark. Originally the rated capacity was 1000 tons per day and we have now touched about the 1100 to 1150 tons. That is the present capacity of Sindri and this year we have produced 3,36,000 tons of ammonium sulphate.

Then, there is Hindustan Cables. That factory was expected to produce at the end of the Second Five Year Plan 650 miles of cable. That is the production which we have achieved this year and we have yet three years to go and I do hope that, perhaps, the targets will be more than doubled by the end of the Second Plan and we shall make the country self-sufficient in cables of all varieties required by the Posts and Telegraphs Department and other departments of the Government of India and sizeable exports may also, perhaps, be had to the lot of this wonderful factory.

Then, coming to the various other factories which are coming up, I will not enumerate every one of them. But, I would touch on one on which various Members have in the past expressed anxiety and that is the Hindustan Antibiotics. The Pimpri factory had been a matter of great criticism and the House will be pleased to know that from 6 million mega units per year the annual production year before last, we have now touched 26 or 26½ million mega units. The original planners also never visualised that it will touch more than 24 million mega units in 1960-61.

Shri V. P. Nayar: It is only penicillin, is it not?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes.

Shri Ranga: We had estimated 24 million mega units and we have produced more than 26 million.

Shri Manubhai Shah: But, now we have undertaken to expand production by another 50 to 60 per cent. and may be with the agreement that we are now

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entering into with the American firm streptomycin will also be produced in Pimpri. Therefore, the working of the Pimpri factory also has been of a very satisfactory order.

The only other point which I wanted to mention is about the NEPA factory. The history of the NEPA factory is well-known to the House. It is not a factory started by the Government of India; it is not a factory started in the public sector. The then Madhya Pradesh Government and a private party entered into an agreement and started this factory. It had not been a very well-planned factory; it had not been looked after well at all till such time that the Government of India went to the help of the factory and took over from the Madhya Pradesh Government. And, it is a matter of rather regret that we have had to handle such a badly negotiated factory. But, I can assure the House that now we have come to the stage where a 75 tons per day production has been almost reached—though the rated capacity is 100 tons and given a little attention and financial control—now that our senior colleague is going to the Finance Ministry—we hope that as far as the NEPA mills are concerned, the problem will be straightened. If the financial structure is recast and a proper modification of that factory takes place, the power plant or the same plant as it comes under our control or at least if the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board gives us what we want, then, I can, certainly, without any fear of contradiction assure the hon. Members that NEPA will touch the rated capacity of production.

Shri Dasappa: Why do you want help from the Electricity Board or the Government?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board is not giving us the full power because they themselves are short of power. Then, the boilers are so old that their headers

have been broken and damaged several times. We did not fully succeed because control is not ours. Unless, in the public sector, the control is of a real and genuine type and direct one, indirectly to get into all the different types of bodies together is not always easy.

As far as the new factories are concerned, I will not take the time of the House very much. All I can say is that for the raw film factory about which some anxiety has been shown by my friends from Mysore, the team which came here from East Germany, Agfa, have conclusively so far recommended that Ootacamund is the best site. So, it must be correct. Every time to plead for a re-examination of a site which an expert team, after having gone into 9 or 10 places in India, have found as good, is not right. It is not the last factory for raw films. In this country many more are coming in the public sector. At that time the claims of other areas for such a factory can certainly be considered. But, for the present, the recommendation given to us by the expert team has been for Ootacamund and I do not know....

Shri Dasappa: I only said that it must come out as soon as possible.

Shri Manubhai Shah: Shri Shankaraiya said—I did not mention his name—that the film factory should go to Mysore. But as far as you are concerned, I can assure you that the second factory if and when it comes, must come in such a big and mighty country requiring so many types of films, will come somewhere else.

About small-scale industries I may say this. The Silk Board was constituted in 1949. At that time the headquarters were in Delhi. Friends from Mysore were anxious to know why it should go to Bombay again. In 1952, the headquarters were shifted to Bombay. It was only in February

1957, it had been, briefly for a period of three months, shifted to Bangalore. Only for a period of three months Bangalore had been in enjoyment of having the Silk Board's headquarters. (An hon. Member: *Why this sudden change to Bombay?*) Because the Textile Commissioner who is Chairman of this Board finds it convenient to operate from there. The silk industry is not concentrated in Mysore alone even though it claims a predominant share. There is silk industry in West Bengal, Orissa and Assam. As a central place, it has gone back to Bombay where it had been for five years before its transfer to Bangalore.

Shri Ranga: Bombay is the central place for silk!

Shri Manubhai Shah: It was decided by the Board and we confirmed it. It was decided by a majority vote.

Shri Dasappa: Is Bombay a silk centre?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is the centre of India for textile industry. That was only by the way, in order to satisfy the Members from Mysore. There was no other consideration; within two months we changed the decision because the Board was always in Bombay for over five years.

I am very glad to see that unanimously all the Members of the House, irrespective of party affiliations, all the time stressed the necessity of development of the small industries. If you examine the performance, provision and the implementation, year by year, you will find that this year should be considered the record year as far as the development of the small industries are concerned in production, implementation and the release of funds. I can assure the hon. Members that if every hon. Member continues to take more and more interest, this is the one field in which India has a lot to do and it must do in order to raise the level of national income. They are labour intensive and generate

income at once and give to the weaker sector of the economy, the under-dog, the under-privileged and the have-not the opportunity to go towards industrialisation and increasing its living standards.

Shri Dasappa: Let there be the same consideration to the medium scale industry.

Shri Manubhai Shah: My hon. friend is very much concerned. I am coming to his 100 power looms because he is concerned with medium powerloom factories. We are looking into it. What he intended to show was different. It is not as if we are withdrawing any concession from 25, 50 or 100-power loom factories. So, it is continuing. My hon. friend Shri Kanungo Committee's recommendation for power looms has not been abandoned at all. For up to 100 loom units, we are giving concessional rate. It is true that for the current year the withdrawal had been contemplated for over hundred looms. But I may say, with all my respect for my hon. friend, Shri Dasappa, that the facts as he has presented them are far from correct. Even if a factory has about 100 looms and it requires some concession, it will not be on the basis of the facts and figures which he has quoted. We shall certainly examine that point and I can assure him that we are as keen as he is to come to the aid of all these medium type of industries as compared to large industries (Interruptions). There are other figures. This is not an industry where you can generalise by saying that one loom costs so much.

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Lastly, I will come to the sector which has been slightly misunderstood—the Ambar Charkha and Khadi sector. It can be considered a matter of gratification for any country that such a decentralised sector as the Ambar Charkha and the Khadi sector should have increased its production in the four years of goods worth Rs. 1-8

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crores to about Rs. 8 crores. This is a matter for great congratulation and it will not be correct to say, as some hon. Members have tended to suggest, that this policy has either failed or the Khadi programme or the Ambar Charkha has not come up to expectations. It is true that the decentralised sector of industry, the weaker section of economy is much more difficult to protect, organise and implement than the giant steel plants, heavy machine building plants or the drug plants. Therefore, Sir, all the blessing, encouragement and optimism of this House will be required to fulfil this programme. It is not a dogma or a

doctrine but an economic reality, in a country where 400 million people reside, and where capital is scarce, rate of capital formation, rate of savings and rate of investment is not proportionate to the quantum of problem that the country is facing. Therefore, the harmony of these two industries will continue to exist, and I am very glad that practically all the Members have given their full support to this policy.

17-02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, the 20th March, 1958.

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The Speaker withheld his consent to the moving of an adjournment motion given notice of by Sarvashri S.M. Banerjee, Tangamani, Prabhat Kar and Muhammed Elias and Shrimati Renu Chakravarty regarding the decision of the Delhi Administration not to declare 20th March, 1958, as a paid holiday for employees of industrial and commercial establishments in connection with the Delhi Municipal Corporation elections.

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A copy of each of the six Notifications making certain further amendments to the Medicinal and Toilet Preparations (Excise Duties) Rules, 1956, was laid on the Table under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Medicinal and Toilet Preparations (Excise Duties) Act, 1955.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

5611—13

Shri Muhammed Elias called the attention of the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to the reported retrenchment of 600 'C' Class artists of the Calcutta Stations of the All India Radio. The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) made a statement in regard thereto.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

5613—16

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) made a statement regarding the murder of three R.M.S. employees in a train between Agra and Tundla on the night of the 12th March, 1958.

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Further discussion on the motion for concurrence in the recommendation of Rajya Sabha for reference of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Bill, to a Joint Committee continued. The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K.C. Reddy) replied to the debate and the motion was adopted—

Discussion on Demands for Grants Nos. 1 to 5 and 106 in respect of Ministry of Commerce and Industry commenced. The discussion was not concluded.

AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1958—

Discussion on the Demands for Grants for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research