

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Certain matters connected with the welfare of Defence Personnel were discussed in a general way in a meeting of the General Committee of the Army Central Welfare Fund, whose members include all Army commanders. No plans were, however, formulated.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Calcutta Port Trust Officials

2934. **SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARMA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Calcutta Port Trust officials forced M/s H.C.C. Ltd. Principal Civil Contractor for Haldia, to place order on M/s Bird & Co. cancelling the order on M/s Binny & Co. of Madras the patentees, for Meehanite Plates for Lock Entrance and later accepted the sub-standard, less in weight plates without molybdenum content, as proved in test at Alipore Test House and reported by M/s H.C.C. Ltd. to CPT;

(b) what was the percentage of Molybdenum required in the matter and what was obtained in the sample test made by the Alipore Test House; and

(c) whether any CBI inquiry/investigation has been initiated in this matter and what is their finding, if any?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM):** (a) M/s. Binny and Co. Madras on whom orders for meehanite castings were placed indicated to M/s. H.C.C. Ltd., that Lloyd's inspection of the castings to be manufactured by them would

involve substantial delay as well as enhancement in price. Calcutta Port Trust advised M/s. H.C.C. to cancel the order on them. M/s. H.C.C. then placed the order on M/s. Bird and Co., who had earlier secured orders for supply of similar castings for the Lock Entrance of Haldia Dock System on the basis of competitive tender.

The specifications in M/s. H.C.C. orders on M/s. Bird and Co., related to the physical properties of the castings. It was, however, noted in the order that Molybdenum will have to be added to obtain the required tensile strength. No percentage was indicated in this note.

Certain difficulties were experienced during the casting and machining of these castings. Calcutta Port Trust referred these to their Consultants who had originally given these specifications. In view of the difficulties in getting the specified grade of meehanite type castings, the Consultants agreed to revision of specifications while ensuring that corrosion aspect and the frictional characteristics were virtually the same. Supplies were got inspected and accepted accordingly. There was no acceptance of "loss in weight" plates.

(b) No specific percentage of Molybdenum was indicated in the order for meehanite plates. The supply of castings did not have Molybdenum content.

(c) No.

#### Production of Short Length Films

2935. **SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the production of shorter films of not more than 10 reels; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** (a) and (b). There is no restriction on the length of films produced in the private sector; permission of Government is, therefore, not required for producing films of any length.

**राजस्थान को औद्योगिक विकास के लिए कम वित्तीय सहायता दिया जाना**

2936. श्री मोठा लाल पटेल : क्या उद्योग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान के औद्योगिक विकास के लिये दी जा रही सहायता अन्य राज्यों को उसी प्रयोजन के लिए गत कई वर्षों से दी जा रही सहायता की तुलना में बहुत कम है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सभी राज्यों को गत पांच वर्षों में दी गई परोक्ष एवं सहायता दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाएगा;

(घ) क्या केन्द्र सरकार का विचार राजस्थान राज्य के औद्योगिक विकास के लिए निकट भविष्य में राज्य सरकार को कोई विशेष सहायता देने का है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यौरा क्या है ?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडिस) :**

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) देश के ग्रामीण और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों का विकास करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने निम्नलिखित योजनाएं प्रयोजित की हैं :—

(1) ग्रामीण उद्योग परियोजना कार्यक्रम ।

(2) ग्रामीण दस्तदार कार्यक्रम ।

(3) केन्द्रीय निवेश राजमहायता योजना कार्यक्रम के अधीन पिछले पांच वर्षों अर्थात् 1973-74 से 1977-78 में राजस्थान सहित राज्यों को दी गई सहायता सभा पटल पर रखे गये विवरण 1, 2 और 3 में दिखाई गई है। ग्रन्थालय में रखे गये। [देखिए संख्या एल० टी०—1293/77]

(घ) और (ङ). राजस्थान में वर्ष 1977-78 से ग्रामीण सहायता कार्यालय गुरू किया गया है और इस प्रयोजन के लिये 0.73 लाख रु० की राशि नियत की गई है। उद्योगों के विकास के लिये राज्य सरकार को विशेष सहायता दिये जाने के बारे में जब भी कोई प्रस्ताव मिलेगा उस पर यत्नोचित विचार किया जाएगा ।

#### Production and Export of Coir

2937. SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Coir products produced, exported, marketed in India from various States during current year; and

(b) the steps taken to exploit the raw materials available at Kanyakumari Distt. in Tamil Nadu?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) As most of the raw materials available in Kanyakumari District are already utilised, no further special efforts appear to be necessary.