

आर्टिस्टों तथा वाताकारों को भी जाने वाली फीस की दरों के पुनरीक्षण तथा पर्याप्त सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने सम्बन्धी प्रश्न की जांच के लिए कोई समिति बनाई है ;

(ख) क्या गत बीस वर्षों में आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों तथा कलाकारों को दी जाने वाली फीस की दरों में कोई महत्वपूर्ण वृद्धि नहीं हुई है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस बारे में हाल में कोई कार्यवाही की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय में उप-सचिवी (श्री धर्मवीर सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) तथा (ग), वाताकारों की फीसों की दरें 6 अक्टूबर, 1970 से पर्याप्त मात्रा में बढ़ाई गई थी। आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्ट कर्मचारियों को 1 अक्टूबर, 1964 से नियमित वृद्धि वेतन स्केल दिए जाने लगे थे। तब से लगभग वे सभी लाभ जो नियमित सरकारी कर्मचारियों को दिए जाते हैं, स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों को भी दिए जाने लगे। उनकी फीस के हान्से में भी संशोधन करने का भी विचार है। कैम्प्युल म्यूजिक आर्टिस्टों को दिए जाने वाले परिश्रमिक की दरों में हाल ही में संशोधन किया गया है और वे 1 जून, 1971 से लागू होंगी।

Participation in Leipzig Fair

397. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the Industrial and Commercial units from India that took part in this year's Leipzig Fair ;

(b) Indian States that were represented in the Fair ; and

(c) the State-wise break-up of the Sales in the Fair this year and in the last year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) 127 Indian Units participated. Statement

is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—191/71]

(b) Exhibits were collected from parties spread all over the country. However, the Director of Industries, Jammu and Kashmir, Director, Export Promotion, Maharashtra Government, Mysore State Handicrafts Development Corporation, Mysore Small Industries Corporation and Gujarat Export Corporation participated in their own entity.

(c) Under Fair Regulations spot sales are not permitted but business can be negotiated. Business booked/negotiated Rs. 60.20 million in 1970 and in 1971 Rs. 68.19 million. This information does not reflect the totality of export prospects generated. The results in terms of specific business booked can be fully gauged over a period of time only.

Hindi Officers Working in Mantralaya

398. SHRI MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Hindi Officers in the Mantralaya of the Government of India ;

(b) whether the scale of pay differs from one Mantralaya to the other ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (GRIH MANTRALAYA AUR KARMIK VIBHAG MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Attention is invited to reply given to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2945. A copy of the statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—192/71].

(b) and (c). The posts of Hindi Officers generally carry the scale of pay of Rs. 350-900. There are, however, certain isolated posts carrying different scales of pay created in Ministries/Departments to suit their individual requirements.

Rem an Export of Nylon Tapes to U. A. R.

399. SHRI MAYAVAN :

SHRI S. R. BHAKRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether a total ban has been

imposed by Government on the export of nylon tyres to the U.A.R. ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether there is any possibility of lifting the ban with a view to enable the tyre manufactures to compete in the U.A.R. market with others ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). No, Sir ; the export of nylon tyres to the U.A.R. is not banned, as such. In July, 1970 the two Governments had mutually agreed to a list of items allowed to be traded between the two countries through the "Special Trade Arrangements", and Nylon tyres do not appear in the mutually agreed list. However, there is no ban to their export outside these arrangements under normal commercial considerations.

Revival of Sick Jute Units

400. SHRI MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to overcome short fall in the production of jute, the restricted production capacity, the labour unrest and high prices ; and

(b) the measures taken for the revival of about a dozen sick units which had been closed down, leaving 22,000 workers unemployed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Of the 12 closed jute mills, 3 have since re-opened and started working. Efforts are now being made to re-open 2 others. The remaining 7 mills have old and obsolete machinery and are unable to work economically. The possibility of reviving these units is remote ; however, all possible measures are being taken to see whether they can be re-opened.

Statement

(1) *Jute Production* : The Special Package Programme on Jute is being extended from

36,000 hectares to 90,000 hectares in 1971-72. Complete saturation with all developmental inputs has been aimed at in the areas selected for the programme. Similar arrangements are being made also for Mesta. The area under aerial spraying of urea, subsidised distribution of improved seeds, foliar spraying have also been extended. A new scheme for ground spraying of urea has also been undertaken. The crop in 1971-72 is expected to be good.

(2) *Restricted production capacity* : In order to increase production capacity, mills are being encouraged to instal additional spinning and preparatory machinery. Mills have also agreed to work extra shifts and also to work on Sundays.

(3) *Labour unrest* : Following the strike in jute industry in December, 1970, settlement was reached on outstanding issues.

(4) *High Prices* : With the anticipated increase in production of jute and jute goods prices are expected to come down. A number of steps including imposition of margin and ceiling restrictions and periodical closure of hedge market were taken by the East India Jute and Hessian Exchange in the forward and futures markets for jute goods with a view to curbing speculative pressures.

Export of Indian Handloom

401. SHRI KRISHNA HALDER : Will the Minister FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any improvement in the Indian Handloom export between 1967-68 to 1969-70 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether there will be any slump in the current year's export ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (VIDESH VYAPAR MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The figures of exports were as follows :—

Year	Handloom export (in '000' Rs.)
1967-68	— 116992
1968-69	— 157704
1969-70	— 301306