

Foreign Tours by Chairman and General Manager of HHEC

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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) the total number of foreign tours undertaken by the Chairman and the General Manager of the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation of India during the last three years,

(b) the total amount including foreign exchange spent by Government on these tours, and

(c) the achievements as a results of the tours?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GLOUGE) (a) 18 tours in all were undertaken by the Chairman and 3 General Managers during the years 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72,

(b) Rs 2.18 lakhs were spent on their tours by the Corporation,

(c) The contacts established by the Chairman and General Manager during their tours abroad, the orders booked by them and the enquiries generated by their trips abroad have helped in a larger measure to increase the turnover of the Corporation from Rs 285.99 lakhs in 1969-70 to an estimated Rs 461.70 lakhs in 1971-72.

Discrepancies in Stocks of HHEC Shops in Foreign Countries

3099 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state

(a) whether during their tours abroad the Chairman and General Manager of the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation made surprise checking of the stocks in foreign countries and found some discrepancies there and

(b) if so, the action taken against

the persons found responsible for discrepancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A C GLOUGE) (a) and (b) The General Manager of the Sona Shop in Paris reported an unreconciled amount of Rs 61,050/- in f o b value, as a result of the discrepancy between the stock figures according to the books and the actual stock verification figures at the end of 1970-71.

The General Manager (Finance) from HHEC's headquarters in Delhi who was on inspection tour to HHEC's offices in Europe is asked to look into this matter. As a result of the study he came to the conclusion that the total unreconciled amount of Rs 61,050/- in f o b value is a result of two years of commercial operations in Paris. The amount represents 3.8% of the total goods handled during these two years. Measurement shortages in fabric sales which is a normal feature and shop lifting which has become a menace in New York as well as Paris, mostly account for this figures. As the amount involved is no more than 3.8% of the total value of the goods handled, and as no responsibility can be fixed for shop lifting and shortages in measurements of cloth which is a normal feature, no action against the staff is called for.

Railway over and under Bridges under Construction in Kerala

3100 SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Railway over-bridges and under bridges now under construction in Kerala,

(b) the railway over bridges and under bridges which Government have decided to take up for construction in Kerala during 1972-73, and

(c) the amount to be spent by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIA) (a) Eight