

consumed by the paper industry is being imported.

(b) and (c). There are certain species of trees such as Eucalyptus, salai, spruce and fir, etc. in the country which are suitable for manufacturing wood pulp and all possible steps are being taken to increase their plantation which can yield the quantity of pulp required to meet the demand of the Paper Industry as far as possible.

Loans from Rehabilitation Industries Corporation

368. { Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial concerns receiving loan from the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation have not been able to employ the requisite number of displaced persons in their concerns as per terms of the loan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons of such failure?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Out of the 17 industrial concerns who have so far received loans from Rehabilitation Industries Corporation, only 4 have not been able to employ the requisite number of displaced persons according to the terms of the loan.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I annexure No. 44.]

Newsprint Factory in Kangra, Punjab

369. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made about the forest wealth in the

Himalayan Beas Basin for assessing the availability of soft wood for the proposed newsprint factory in the Kangra District of Punjab;

(b) if so, the result of the survey;

(c) who conducted the survey; and

(d) whether proposed foreign collaborators also joined the survey?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (d). Certain estimates of the availability of soft woods in the Himalayan Beas Basin have been made by the State Forest authorities. Besides, two Finnish experts were also invited to report on the availability of soft woods in this area. The results are encouraging. On these basis, a licence for the manufacture of newsprint in Punjab has been issued to a private party whose foreign collaborators also are likely to make another survey shortly.

Small Scale Industries Boards

370. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Scale Industries Boards have been constituted in all the States;

(b) the objects of setting up such boards; and

(c) how these boards will function?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Most of the states have constituted Small Scale and Handicrafts Boards. Some of the States have, however, set up Co-ordination Committees for Development of Handicrafts and Small Scale industries.

(b) The Boards|Committees advise the State Governments on development of Handicrafts and Small Scale Industries, with particular reference to the following:

- (i) Introduction of better techniques and improved equipment;
- (ii) Procurement and distribution of raw materials, provision of Credit Facilities, technical assistance, marketing and training facilities etc;
- (iii) Scrutiny, implementation and review of State Government Scheme for production-cum-training centres, design centres and Pilot Project Centres etc.;
- (iv) Steps necessary for quality production of goods;
- (v) Development of Industrial Co-operatives; and
- (vi) Co-ordination of activities of various Departments for development of Cottage, Handicrafts and Small Scale Industries.

(c) The Board|Committees will function as advisory bodies and will also maintain liaison between the Central and State schemes.

Export of Engineering Goods

371. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri B. K. Das:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a huge shortfall in export of Engineering goods during the months January to April, 1962;

(b) if so, what was the total shortfall;

(c) what was the target of export; and

(d) why this shortfall was experienced?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a), (b) and (d). Exports of engineering goods during January to April 1962 were Rs. 2.98 crores as compared with Rs. 2.82 crores during the corresponding period of 1961.

(c) Rs. 15.75 crores for 1962-63.

Education in Goa

372. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the important recommendations of the Committee which was appointed by Government to go into the matter of education in Goa; and

(b) which of these recommendations have been accepted and implemented?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The statements are laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. [See No. LT-309/62].

व्यापार बोर्ड

३७३. श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) व्यापार बोर्ड के कार्य में अब तक और क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) क्या कुछ सिद्धान्त भी व्यापार बोर्ड ने निश्चित किये हैं और यदि हां तो वे क्या हैं ; और

(ग) व्यापार बोर्ड की अब तक कितनी बैठकें हो चुकी हैं ?