

(b) if so, the target of annual production of cement in the factory; and

(c) the name of the party to which the licence has been sanctioned?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.]

World Olympics for the Deaf

*757. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether any arrangement has been made for the coaching of the deaf-mutes to enable them to participate in the World Olympics for the deaf?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): No, Sir.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : पहले आप प्रश्न संख्या ७५६ पर तो सवाल पूछने का अवसर दे देते ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सवाल करने वाले उठे नहीं और आप देर से उठे । इसलिये मैंने दूसरा सवाल बुला लिया ।

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Before you proceed to supplementaries, may I request you to ask the Minister to let us know what is meant by "World Olympics for the deaf", and whether in it only the physically deaf are included or also the otherwise deaf, whether the metaphorically deaf are included? What is it exactly?

Mr. Speaker: Shrimati Nigam.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know if the Education Ministry has given any grant to any deaf mute to attend these Olympics?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: No.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that a member of the All-India Federation for Deaf and Dumb was given a grant to visit the Olympics in Scandinavia?

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Some Hon. Members: No.

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: No.

श्री बड़े : क्या इन्दौर के डेफ और डम्ब स्कूल ने कुछ लड़के तैयार किये हैं और सेंटर को लिखा है कि उनको इसमें मदद दी जाए?

Mr. Speaker: It can be presumed that every supplementary to this question would have the answer, 'No'.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Both are deaf and dumb?

Export Promotion

*758. **Shri P. C. Borooh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had discussions with the Executive Committee Members of the Indian Merchants' Chamber relating to prospects of boosting exports during his recent visit to Bombay;

(b) if so, whether demand for more incentives for boosting exports was pressed in the course of the discussions; and

(c) if so, what were their main demands and what is Government's view about them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The discussion was of an informal nature and there was no occasion for any specific proposal to be pressed or considered.

Some members raised questions relating to export incentive during the conversation and the Finance Minister observed that the Indian industry has now come of age and should stand on its own legs. Exports alone can finance repayment of developmental loans and sustain the nation's economy ultimately. While incentives might be necessary for some time for promoting certain lines of exports, excessive dependence on export incentives should be avoided.