

Import and Export Policy

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

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of the Import and Export Policy Committee to the effect that a high powered committee may be appointed to work out an integrated import and export policy for the whole economy, namely, the defence industries and other industries; and

(b) if so, what is the decision?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Economic Committee of Secretaries and the Economic Committee of the Cabinet consider all these matters of policy for an integrated approach to the import and export problems of the country. No other new Committee is contemplated. Defence industries are separately looked after by the Defence Committee of the Cabinet. Overall picture of imports and exports of the country including that of the Defence industries is considered by these two committees.

Shri A. P. Jain: Is there any machinery at the moment, *ad hoc* or otherwise, which co-ordinates exports from the Defence industries and other industries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The contribution of Defence industries to export is not of a very considerable order. We do have, not *ad hoc* committee, but frequent meetings. Only last week, we had a meeting of the senior officials of the Defence Ministry to see what larger contribution they can make.

Shri A. P. Jain: What were the principal reasons which induced the Committee of Secretaries to reject this proposal?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No. The proposal, in a sense, was that the Ramaswami Mudaliar committee thought that perhaps a high power committee would be able to do the work better. In actual functioning we find that the Economic committee of the Secretaries which is more concerned with all the aspects of the economy and the Economic Committee of the Cabinet which deals with practically every aspect is better knowledgeable and better equipped and more in touch with the problems of overall economy including imports and exports and therefore no new committee is contemplated.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if the Mudaliar committee was asked to report on the way in which economic matters are tackled in the Economic sub-committee or it was given a separate subject to report upon?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The committee's terms of reference are well known to the country. The Government resolution and the report—both were placed on the Table of the House. It was a specific committee for a specific task.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : जैसा कि सरकार ने बार-बार इस सदन में बतलाया है, सरकार की यह नीति रही है कि छोटे-छोटे उद्योगों को बढ़ाया जाय ताकि उत्पादन बड़े लेकिन निर्यात आधा करने के फलस्वरूप ऐसा मालूम होता है कि उत्पादन भी आधा हो जायेगा । क्या इस आर्थिक समिति ने इस बात पर विचार किया है, और अपनी ही नीति को काटने का प्रयत्न क्यों किया है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : ऐसी बात नहीं है । जैसी सिचुएशन आती है उस के अनुसार सब पर कटौती होती है, और ५० परसेंट कट सभी इंडस्ट्रीज पर लागू हो, ऐसी भी बात नहीं है । लेकिन जितना पैसा सरकार के पास है

फारेन एक्स्चेंज का, उस में से सब इंडस्ट्रीज को प्रायोरिटीज के हिसाब से दिया जाता है। मैं माननीय सदस्य को आश्वासन देना चाहता हूँ कि छाटे और लघु उद्योगों में जो रस सरकार और इस सदन की है, उस के अनुसार उस में कम से कम कट किया जा रहा है।

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know when the committee's recommendation for the establishment of an import export stabilisation fund will be implemented?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Very soon.

Shri A. P. Jain: Policy and its implementation are two separate things. The Mudaliar Committee made a recommendation for working out an integrated policy. Is the implication of the Minister that the committee of Secretaries is also laying down the policy and also implementing it?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The point is that for implementation, the different Ministries are concerned. The foreign exchange budget and allotments are constantly reviewed. We need not believe that every consideration or every recommendation of the Mudaliar Committee is the last word on these matters. That was one of the suggestions. We applied our best mind to it. We find that a separate high power committee is no substitute for an integrated approach to these problems by all the Ministries of the Government of India.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is it mittee as well as the Ministerial committee as well as the Ministerial committee was already there and may I know whether the Mudaliar committee has considered the existence of this committee and still recommended another committee and if so, what were the grounds which were urged by them?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The report is available. They would not know all

the functioning and the internal working of every committee of the Government including the working of the Economic committee of the Cabinet. Naturally, they thought that this is a good suggestion that another high power committee might again evolve some other solution. This is what happens in many other committees. We looked into all these aspects.

The Minister for Commerce and Industry (Shri K. C. Reddy): I would like to add that the context in which this recommendation was made by the Mudaliar Committee was because of the fact that they could not get seized of the question of the export of the fact that they could not get dustries. The Ramaswamy Mudaliar committee dealt with other industries. So, they said that another committee might take note of the products of the Defence industries also and see what defence products could be exported. So they suggested the setting up of a new committee of the kind that is now being discussed.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Morarka: The hon. Minister has explained the circumstances under which the Mudaliar Committee's recommendation was made, i.e. it was especially for the defence industries that they had suggested the appointment of a committee. May I know what steps Government have taken in the matter?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The committee of Secretaries, to which my hon. colleague has referred, will deal with it.

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Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what further move if any has been made by Pakistan regarding the