

(b) if so, the name of such agency and the progress made so far in this direction?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of a Report by a panel of four Economists under the Chairmanship of Professor Haberler set up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT, a decision was taken to set up a Committee to recommend solutions to the problems faced by the less developed countries in expanding their export trade with the rest of the world and in particular, with the industrialised countries.

After considering the interim findings of this Committee, a declaration on Promotion of the Trade of less developed countries was adopted at the Ministerial Session of the GATT in November, 1961 and this now forms the basis for the future work of the GATT contracting Parties. This Committee is still continuing its work.

#### Foam Glass Factory in Bombay

\*285. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri A. V. Raghavan;  
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to start a Foam Glass factory in Bombay;

(b) if so, whether it will be in the private or public sector; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange expected to be saved as a result of setting up the factory?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Nitayanand Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A foam glass factory is being set up at Bombay. The factory will be in the private sector.

(c) There is at present no import of foam glass. However, on the basis of anticipated future demand the saving in foreign exchange as a result of implementation of the scheme would be of the order of Rs. 5 lakhs per annum.

#### Paper Mill in Manipur

\*287. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to start a paper mill in Manipur;

(b) if so, whether it will be in the public or private sector; and

(c) the capacity and total expenditure of the paper mill?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) to (c). No concrete proposal has so far been received either from the Manipur Administration or from any Private Party.

#### Economic Cost of Energy

\*289. **Dr. K. L. Rao:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission attempted a study of relative economic costs of hydro thermal and atomic energy in India during the next 15 years; and

(b) if not, whether a Committee will be appointed to go into this question?

**The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government has already set up a Planning Group on Power for drawing up the long-term power development programme for the period upto 1976.

#### Indians in Macao

\*290. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state