

Shri Manubhai Shah: The hon. Member raised so many points and created so many impressions. The Government is functioning as one and I would like to satisfy the hon. Member that whatever has happened is absolutely legitimate. The final authority is the Government. Government functions as one and it is this department which sanctions the barter proposal. The barter proposal was turned down for the very reason which the hon. Member said, that is, the firm was presently under a cloud.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Hem Barua: He has admitted it.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Now the cloud has cleared.

Floor Price of Raw Cotton

*1165. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:

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

- whether Government propose to raise the floor price of raw cotton;
- if so, to what extent; and
- the reasons therefor?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Government have very recently raised the floor-price of the standard basic variety Moglaj Jarilla 25/32" by Rs. 28-20 per quintal (Rs. 100/- per candy), with corresponding increase in the floor-prices of other varieties. The increased floor-prices will be made applicable from the next season's (1963-64) crop.

The floor-prices have been increased in order to make them more realistic as compared to the market prices and also to provide an inducement to the cultivator to produce more cotton by instilling in him a sense of security.

Synthetic Rubber Factories

*1166. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the factories for the production of synthetic rubber have started production; and

(b) if not, when the production will start?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Not yet, Sir, but trial runs are in progress.

(b) Production is expected to start in a month or so.

Shri Maniyangadan: May I know the total capacity of the factories that are licensed and also the foreign exchange involved for setting up those factories?

Shri Kanungo: This particular factory has a capacity of 20,000 tons. Our estimated requirements are of the order of 40,000 to 50,000 tons. At present none of the proposals is in a stage of advancement.

Shri Maniyangadan: In view of the fact that there is a large scope of production of natural rubber and also the Rubber Board is taking steps for developing rubber plantation, may I know whether in issuing licences to these factories, the Rubber Board was consulted as regards the quantum of natural rubber that can be produced and the necessity of synthetic rubber.

Shri Kanungo: All these factors have been taken into consideration. For the immediate purpose and for all time to come also there will be a demand for synthetic rubber.

श्री ब्रज बिहारी मेहरोत्रा : जो फैक्ट्री रबर की बरेली उत्तर प्रदेश में बनने वाली है उस का बनाना कब तक पूरण होगा और उसकी कितनी कपैसिटी होगी ?

श्री कानूनगो : ३०,००० टन ।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether there is any plan with the Government for having factories

which would produce synthetic rubber and may I also know how the prices of synthetic rubber compare with natural rubber.

Shri Kanungo: There are no factories. The first factory is going into production and it will be on stream in a month's time. All those questions do not arise now.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मेरे इसी प्रकार के एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में कुछ समय पहले माननीय मंत्री जी ने बतलाया था कि बरेली में जो कृत्रिम रबर का कारखाना है उसमें अभी ट्रायल प्रोडक्शन हो रहा है । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पक्की तौर पर मे प्रोडक्शन कब शुरू हो जायेगा ?

श्री कानूनगो : वही जो जवाब में बतलाया था कि अभी ट्रायल प्रोडक्शन वहाँ हो रहा है । और एक महीने में प्रोडक्शन ठीक शुरू हो जायेगा ।

Issue of Industrial Licences

*1167. **Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial licences issued during 1962-63 for new undertakings; and

(b) the industries wherein the full targeted capacity of the Third Plan has already been licensed?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Nityanand Kanungo): (a) 456.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-1284/63].

Dr. Sarojini Mahishi: The statement laid on the table of the House shows that licences have been issued to 46 new undertakings. If these licences are issued in addition to the licences issued for the expansion of these industries, may I know whether the additional output in newsprint will be in a position to help the Government

to revise the restriction on the supply of newsprint?

Shri Kanungo: Most of the licences are in the process of implementation. The demand is growing in the meantime. Every six months we take a review of the capacity installed and the demand and then we put certain lines of production not open to licensing and certain others open to licensing.

Dr. Sarojini Mahishi: The licences for the full targeted capacity of the Third Five Year Plan have already been issued to some industries. May I know what steps are being taken by the Government to supplement the shortage and the technical knowhow and other raw materials which are necessary for expediting production?

Shri Kanungo: Whenever adequate capacity has been licensed, we always review it from time to time and try to see that the capacity comes upto the production as quickly as possible.

श्री तुलसीदास जाधव : यह जो लाइसेंस दिये जाते हैं इंडस्ट्रीज के लिये वे इस लिये दिये जाते हैं कि सब जगहों पर उन का फैलाव हो, उन का सही बटवारा हो, या कि कहीं कम दिये जाते हैं और कहीं ज्यादा दिये जाते हैं ?

12-00 hrs.

श्री कानूनगो : हमारी पॉलिमी डिसेंट्रलाइजेशन की है और जो बैकवार्ड एरियाज़ हैं उन पर ख़ाम तौर से ध्यान दिया जाता है, लेकिन It depends upon industries. Certain locations may not be convenient for certain industries.

Shri Joachim Alva: May I know why licences were granted for the three items 19, 26 and 44—fluorescent tubes, caustic soda and soap, especially soap?

Shri Kanungo: Because the demand was growing up.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know if it is a fact that in the licences