

which was given permit to export this commodity?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have already answered it. So far as this particular firm was concerned, the barter proposal had been turned down.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Here is the Report of the Ministry in which it is stated that under barter arrangement difficult-to-sell goods like manganese ore were exported to the tune of Rs. 17 crores odd. I wanted to know whether Serajuddin and Co. was one of the firms given permit to export manganese ore on a barter basis.

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is what I was saying, that as far as the new contract was concerned, it was turned down. As regards the old contract, there are hundreds of firms. If the hon. Member is interested in a particular barter or particular firm, he might table a separate question.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Is he in a position to tell whether this firm's application was at any time at all considered for this?

Mr. Speaker: That is what he has answered, that this time it was not given.

Shri Ranga: He is generally well-informed. But here he does not seem to know.

Mr. Speaker: I believe every hon. Member inside the House.

श्री अचल सिंह : क्या यह फ़ैक्ट है कि जो व्यापारी मंगानीस और को एक्सपोर्ट कर रहे हैं, उनके लाइसेन्स कैंसल कर दिये गये हैं ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : श्रीरों के लाइसेन्स को क्यों कैंसल किया जायगा ? जिस जिस फ़र्म पर डाउट है, उस का लाइसेन्स कैंसल कर दिया गया है । हम तो एक्सपोर्ट को बढ़ाना चाहते हैं और उस को एनकरेजमेंट देते हैं ।

Training in the Manufacture of Synthetic Drugs

***732. Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any experts are being sent to U.S.S.R. for training in the manufacture of synthetic drugs;

(b) if so, the number likely to be sent; and

(c) the period of training in the U.S.S.R.?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. About 73 experts will be sent for training in two batches for a period of about 8 months in U.S.S.R.

Shri Eswara Reddy: How is the selection made and what is the procedure adopted?

Shri Kanungo: It is by advertisement. A selection Committee consisting of some members of the board of directors interviews the candidates and selects them.

Shri Eswara Reddy: What is the number of Soviet experts engaged in the construction there? Also, is the construction proceeding according to schedule?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, Sir. The construction work and the fabrication of machinery in USSR are proceeding according to schedule.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: I hope these experts are expected to work in the four drug projects that we are going to have. I would like to know whether people are selected for working in the proposed phyto-chemical project also, the fate of which has been hanging in the air.

Shri Kanungo: These two batches are concerned with the synthetic project at Hyderabad.

डा० गोविन्द दास : यह ज्ञान प्राप्त करने के लिए जो लोग रूस भेजे जा रहे हैं,

उन पर कितना खर्च होगा और क्या यह ऐसा विषय है, जिस का ज्ञान उन को हिन्दुस्तान में प्राप्त नहीं हो सकता था और इसलिए वे रुस भेजे जा रहे हैं ?

श्री कानूनगो : यह जानकारी हिन्दुस्तान में प्राप्त नहीं हो सकती है। चूंकि यह कारखाना रुस के सहयोग से बनाया जा रहा है, इसलिए उन को रुस में ही तालीम लेनी चाहिए। खर्च के बारे में इस वक्त मेरे पास सूचना नहीं है।

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: What would be the duration of the training, and may I know whether the cost would have to be incurred by the Government of India?

Shri Kanungo: I have said I have not got the calculation of the cost, but the training will spread according to the nature of the duties to be performed, from six months to one year.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is the hon. Minister aware that the USSR Ambassador indicated the other day that in our projects the main weakness is the training of the personnel? May I know whether full care has been taken in this matter? What is the entire programme for training, and how is it to be prosecuted?

Shri Kanungo: I have no information about the comments of the Ambassador of the USSR, but as far as the training of these men for this particular project is concerned, it has been done in consultation with the USSR organisation which is looking after this project and acting as consultants, and their programme has been minutely worked out.

Shri A. P. Jain: May I know how far Government considers that such open comments in public about our economic programmes, their failures and other things, are justified by foreign diplomats—Ambassadors and others?

Shri Kanungo: As I have said, I am not aware of the comments that Shri Mathur mentioned.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether the selected candidates have a good knowledge or will be asked to have a good knowledge of the Russian language, and also whether they will get a good background of the manufacturing process before training in Russia?

Shri Kanungo: Yes. They are going through a course of orientation-cum-language at Hindustan Antibiotics, where the language is being given due preference.

Shri Venkatasubbaiah: May I know when this factory at Hyderabad will start production?

Shri Kanungo: Expected about 1966.

Trade Advisory Board for Delhi

*723. **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Trade Advisory Board has been set up for the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, its purposes?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Government of India has appointed no such Board, but on enquiry from the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, we learn that on 13th March they have appointed a local Advisory Board on Trade. They have not yet met.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know the purpose of setting up this Board?

Shri Manubhai Shah: They have a lot of problems of distribution of coal, sugar, kerosene and the like.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: If that be the purpose, the words used are misleading. May I ask whether this Board will handle such of the commodities in which paucity is being felt in Delhi at the moment?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is more or less a civil supplies committee. They