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STATEMENT

*Monday, March 25, 1963/Chaitra 4,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Manufacture of Defence Stores by private sector

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*554. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Basappa:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Daji:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector has also started manufacturing stores for defence;

(b) if so, the steps taken to have proper inspection for maintaining good quality; and

(c) the number of firms who have been given orders?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri K. Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House:

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(b) Before placing any orders, steps are taken to assess a prospective manufacturer's capacity/capability including arrangements for quality control and ability for getting basic material required for manufacture/fabrication of the stores in question. The parties are also required to submit tender samples to ensure that they are capable of producing items to the correct current specifications. After orders have been placed and manufacture commenced, the Defence Inspectors carry out inspection/tests during and after manufacture, and before despatch of finished stores from the suppliers' premises. Raw materials used in manufacture are also tested to ensure that correct material is used. In addition to quality control check, samples are also tested from time to time by the Headquarters Inspecting Authorities to ensure uniformity of inspection Standards.

(c) During the period of October to December 1962 orders were placed by the Central Procurement Agencies on 444 firms against Defence demands. In addition, the Director General of Ordnance Factories has also placed a number of orders for the supply of articles to meet Defence requirements on as many as 120 units in the civil sector. Further orders will be placed as and when necessary. Orders so far placed are:—

Truck (Nissan & Shaktiman) components	— 22 units
Tractor components	— 30 „
Tooling for Armaments	— 6 „
Ammunition components	— 62 „
	120 units

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is the hon. Minister in a position to state definitely that the production of military stores in the private sector has not been assigned to the group of companies or firms severely castigated by the Vivian Bose Commission; and, if so, may I know to what firm or firms the production of these military stores and equipments has been assigned and in what proportion?

Mr. Speaker: That will be a very long answer, because, so far as I could read from the statement, there are more than 600 companies. How can all those names be given in answer to a supplementary question during the Question Hour? But he asked for one information. He asked whether those companies include any one of those against whom the Vivian Bose Commission had castigated.

Shri Raghuramaiah: I cannot say that off-hand.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has the private sector also been asked to take over the manufacture of certain civilian goods such as coffee percolators, thermos flasks etc., which our ordnance factories were manufacturing during the pre-emergency period; and, if it is not so, may I know which particular items the number of items of military stores and equipment have been assigned to the private sector and in what proportion have they been assigned?

Mr. Speaker: Again, the objection that I took to his previous supplementary applies here. How can he supply here the list of the entire things that have been assigned to the private sector? There are so many items.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He can at least answer whether the ordnance factories have stopped the manufacture of thermos flasks and coffee percolators which they used to do before the emergency.

Shri Raghuramaiah: Sir, I have made it clear on more than one occasion that the manufacture of goods like coffee percolators in our ordnance

factories has been completely stopped ever since the emergency. (*Interruption*).

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Besides what has been stated in the statement that the hon. Minister has placed on the Table of the House, may I know if a list of articles to be manufactured is drawn up and it is specified as to which of the items should go to the private sector and which of them should be manufactured in the public sector?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The Ministry of Economic and Defence Coordination who are primarily seized of this matter find out first the number of components etc., and the specifications of the items from the Ministry of Defence. Then they contact certain firms who have got the capacity for the manufacture of those items. After that they negotiate with them whether those items could be manufactured by them and a decision is taken in consultation with us.

Mr. Speaker: That has been explained in the statement itself.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether the basic materials that are supplied to these firms go through the Defence Ministry or they are supplied direct?

Mr. Speaker: That also has been referred to in the statement. The hon. Member has not read it.

Shri Maheswar Naik: May I know to what extent our defence requirements have so far been supplemented by private sector manufacture?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We are endeavouring to get the best of help from the civil sector. But I cannot say at the moment that we have got any very substantial help. There are difficulties in the way and we are trying to solve them.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether it is a fact that a number of big industrialists have made

several offers to the Defence Ministry that they can produce very useful goods for defence purposes, provided they are given a chance and, if the answer is in the affirmative, their numbers?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Some big, small as well as medium size industrialists have made offers, and all the offers are being examined with a view to see whether they can be manufactured by them. Wherever it is felt that they can do it, it is given to them.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Sir, he has not given the number.

Mr. Speaker: Probably, he has not got the number.

Shri Raghuramaiah: I can give it.

Mr. Speaker: In that case, he should have given it.

Shri Raghuramaiah: In the statement itself the number of units in the civil sector is given.

Mr. Speaker: If it is given in the statement, it need not be given again.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: The statement mentions the number of those factories which have already gone to work. I wanted to know the number of factories which have made the offer.

Shri Raghuramaiah: It is very difficult for me to answer it.

Mr. Speaker: But when I said that he could not do it, he said he could.

Shri Raghuramaiah: I am sorry, I did not follow the question.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether the private sector is now being allowed to manufacture the very same items that were being manufactured by the public sector?

Shri Raghuramaiah: If he is referring to the components and various other things, the answer is 'Yes'.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या यह सही है कि नमूने के रूप में जो हथियार बना कर दिए गए थे, बाद में जो हथियार बना कर दिए गए उस नमूने के मुताबिक नहीं पाए गये?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह तो कंट्रोल है, अगर नहीं पाए गए तो उन को देखा जाएगा ।

Shri A. P. Jain: After taking into account the manufacturing capacity of the ordnance factories, has any plan been made as to what type of equipments should be handed over to the private sector for manufacture?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Yes, Sir.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: The Minister of Defence Production has stated that the ordnance factories are still continuing to manufacture things like clothing. If so, what attempts have been made to re-organise the productive capacity of the ordnance factories so that we can meet the present requirements of the emergency demands?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Actually, what the ordnance factories are now producing in the matter of clothes and general stores is not sufficient. Therefore, a lot of aid has to come from the civil sector for these items.

Unemployment

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{ **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 *555. { **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of unemployed persons in the live register of all employment exchanges is gradually increasing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that various industrial concerns do not like to recruit employees through employment exchanges; and