

Shri Hathi: Jute textiles, Cotton textiles, Woollen textiles, Iron and Steel, Paper, Sugar, Cement, Matches, Glass and Glassware.

Shri D. C. Sharma: There is an increase in productivity team. May I know whether the Labour Bureau is working in conjunction with it or working separately?

Shri Hathi: In collaboration and consultation also.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: When is the report likely to be finalised?

Shri Hathi: The report will be finalised within six months or so. It has been circulated to the other Ministries concerned to check up the data.

Shri Daji: Is the Government considering the question of incentive payment scheme to increase productivity?

Shri Hathi: That was the question put by Mr. Kamath. I have replied.

Import of Sporting Rifle Cartridges

*1313. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of sporting rifle cartridges has been completely banned; and

(b) if so, what has prompted Government to take this action particularly in view of the fact that rifle cartridges are not manufactured in this country?

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

(b) Cartridges meant for sports are being manufactured indigenously and the indigenous production is sufficient to meet the country's demand.

Shri S. P. Singh: May I know how many different types and sizes of non-prohibited bore rifle cartridges are being manufactured in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: .12 and .22 bore, and 8 MM/315".

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी इस बात का पता लगायेंगे कि कारतूसों की कमी की वजह से उनकी कीमतें कितनी बढ़ गई हैं और उसके कारण जनता को कितनी परेशानी हो रही है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : ऐसा तो हमारे नोटिस में नहीं आया है। यह जरूर है कि जो इम्पोर्टर्स लोग हैं वह रोज़ टेलीग्राम्स भेजते हैं कि इनका इम्पोर्ट खोल दिया जाय। हम यहां अपने देश के भीतर चार लाख रुपये के कारतूस बना रहे हैं। अब फारेन एक्सचेंज की कमी की वजह से इम्पोर्ट बन्द करने के अलावा और कोई चारा ही नहीं था।

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know what steps are being taken by the Government to supply cartridges for those rifles for which cartridges are not manufactured in this country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This mainly related to sports guns cartridges other than normal rifles. For that, ordnance factories are producing adequately. If there are any particular sizes for which difficulties are experienced, we shall certainly look into those cases.

Sitaram Mills, Trichur

*1317. **Shri Warrior:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the Sitaram Mills, Trichur has been closed down since the management felt that it could not meet the present high rate of excise duties on power looms; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that interests of labour are protected?

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

Shri Warrior: Yes, Sir? I do not follow. Part (b) of the question was,