

**Handlooms and Powerlooms**

**\*1002. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and actual production by handlooms and powerlooms for the year 1960 and 1961 separately; and

(b) what accounts for the shortage and imbalance, if any?

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

**STATEMENT**

Yearwise targets were not fixed for 1960 and 1961 for production by handlooms and powerlooms. Actual production was as follows:

(In million yds.)

**1960.**

(a) Handlooms.	1,360
(b) Powerlooms.	342

**1961.**

(a) Handlooms.	2,194
(b) Powerlooms.	400

The figures given for 1961 are estimated figures based on 11 months actuals. As no targets were fixed the question of shortage and imbalance does not arise.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** How is it that inspite of our having a board and giving all incentives the export of our handloom cloth is going down from year to year?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is not borne out by facts. It is true they are not looking up as much as we want. If the figures are seen production has gone up from 1860 million yds. in 1960 to 2194 million yards in 1961. Exports have looked up to more than 45 million yards though we want more than that.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** In the statistics supplied to us in Indian In-

dustry and Trade, 1961, it is stated that in 1956 the exports were 60 million yards valued at Rs. 86 lakhs: in 1957 it was 56 lakhs of rupees worth: in 1958, Rs. 52 lakhs; in 1959, Rs. 65 lakhs, in 1960, Rs. 50 lakhs. So, it has gone down. Where is the question of looking up?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There is some mistake, Sir. Firstly they are not lakhs; they are millions. That is to say that they must all be multiplied by ten; that will be the real figure. I was really comparing the figures of production for two years which were now available. They are not less than before though they are less than what we want to achieve in the way of handloom cloth export.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** It has been stated in the report that they are in lakhs.

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It cannot be: they are crores, they should be read as Rs. 6.5 crores, 5.4 crores and so on.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** It has gone down from year to year. What are the reasons which account for this going down of our exports inspite of your having a special board and giving all the incentives?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I explained that already.

**श्री अचल सिंह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि हाथ करघे और बिजली के करघे को लाइसेंस देना क्यों बन्द कर दिया गया है ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** हाथ करघे का लाइसेंस लेने की कोई जरूरत नहीं होती । बिजली के करघे का लाइसेंस देना बन्द किया है क्योंकि पावर लूम फैक्टरी हैंडलूम को भी तंग करती है और आरगेनाइज्ड इंडस्ट्री को भी तंग करती है ।

**Shri T. Abdul Wahid:** When are the proposed additional steps for the promotion of exports going to be implemented?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** They are gradually being implemented and I think the hon. Member himself knows it perhaps better than myself.

**श्री ज० ब० सिंह:** मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने कौन कौन से कदम उठाए हैं हैंडलूम इंडस्ट्री को मदद करने के लिये, ताकि पैदावार ज्यादा बढ़े जो कि घटती जा रही है ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह:** हालांकि यह सवाल इतने से पैदा नहीं होता लेकिन क्योंकि सदस्य श्री ने इंटरैस्ट दिखाया है इसलिये मैं बताना चाहता हूँ कि हमने कुछ दिन पहले तै किया है कि : पिछले साल साढ़े ६ करोड़ का जो एक्सपोर्ट टारजेट था उसको अगले साल बढ़कर ११ करोड़ कर दिया जाये। उसके लिये प्रिंटिंग आदि जो दूसरे किस्म की फैसिलिटीज हैं उनका भी इन्तिजाम कर रहे हैं। एक हाई पावर्ड आफिसर रख रहे हैं जो देखेगा कि किस तरह हैंड लूम में मिकेनाइजेशन और मडरनाइजेशन लाकर नई टेक्नीक लायी जाये। अभी जो टारजेट है वह बहुत कम है, उसे हम ज्यादा कर रहे हैं।

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I put a question? I have put only one question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have allowed him three questions. I am sorry; I cannot allow him on this question.

#### Hostel for Women Employees

\*1004. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to provide accommodation for 80 per cent of single women employees of Government and 50 per cent of men employees in the salary group of Rs. 150 to Rs. 500 as was explicitly desired by Government in their statement made in the House on the 20th February, 1961;

(b) whether the Sirmur Plot in the Curzon Road area has been purchased

for the proposed hostel for women employees; and

(c) the decision of Government if any, regarding the allotment of accommodation in the same hostel to single women employees with minor children?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao):** (a) The target of satisfaction of demand for accommodation from single employees is 80 per cent in the case of women and 50 per cent in the case of men. However, initially, it is proposed, to provide two hostels—one for 250 men and another for 100 women—for employees in the pay group of Rs. 150 to 500/-. Plans and estimates in regard to the hostel for men are being finalised.

(b) No, Sir. The Government of Gujarat have not agreed to make the site available to the Central Government. Another suitable site is being selected. After that has been done, the proposal for the construction of a hostel for women will be processed.

(c) This can only be considered after the hostel has been completed.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** What stands in the way of the purchase of the Sirmur plot? It has been hanging fire for the last two years.

**Shri Jaganath Rao:** As I stated earlier, the Sirmur plot belongs to Gujarat Government. It is not willing to part with this site.

#### Death of a Worker in Hindustan Housing Factory

\*1005. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a serious accident resulting in death of a worker in Electric Department of Hindustan Housing Factory Ltd. at New Delhi took place in April 1962;