

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) No, Sir. The Export Promotion Committee have been given an extension upto the 31st August, 1957, to submit their Report to Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether this committee or Government have fixed any export target for the coming years, and if so what it is?

**Shri Kanungo:** The overall target that we want to achieve is Rs 1,000 crores of exports.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether there is any proposal before this committee to consider the granting of import duty rebate on the raw materials that are brought here to be manufactured into finished goods and then exported? May I know whether this proposal is also under consideration by Government?

**Shri Kanungo:** Government have taken decisions on certain items, where they have allowed drawback of import duties for components of exported materials.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether there is any proposal before Government to renew the Foreign Arbitral Convention Award that is at present governed by the Geneva Convention, since that award has become outmoded due to the modern commercial practices, may I know whether it is under the consideration of Government to convene a conference to evolve a new convention in place of the old foreign arbitral convention?

**Shri Kanungo:** A revision of the Geneva Convention is thought to be necessary, and steps are being taken.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** I wanted to know whether Government of India propose to convene a conference.

**Shri Kanungo:** It is not the Government of India who are to convene it. It is the conference itself which has

got to convene it. It is an international conference which has got to be convened by the secretariat of that Convention.

**Shri Heda:** May I know whether Government have desired that this committee should submit a consolidated report, or whether exports of different commodities or groups of commodities for export purposes will be considered?

**Shri Kanungo:** It will cover all possible commodities.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Now, there are many items of export. For example, the State Trading Corporation is also coming on the scene for the export of cement to the foreign countries. Since the cement factories are situated in the interior of the country, may I know whether the Commerce and Industry Ministry has discussed this aspect of the question with the railways so as to give subsidies in respect of those goods that are being exported?

**Shri Kanungo:** We are not anticipating the recommendations of the committee. Possibly the committee may recommend or may not.

### Co-operative Societies

\*1126 **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what are the different industries that have been started by Co-operative Societies?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 86].

**Shri Morarka:** From the statement, it appears that these co-operative societies have started three major industries, namely sugar industry, spinning mills and salt industry. May I know what special facilities the Government of India are giving to these co-operative societies for starting these major industries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As far as textiles are concerned, Rs 10 lakhs

loan is given by the Government of India for the share capital, and about Rs. 30 to 40 lakhs are given as loan by the I.F.C. to every co-operative spinning unit. Similar arrangements exist for sugar factories.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know whether any tax concessions have been given to the co-operative societies, as compared to the joint-stock companies?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No. Excepting those societies which are registered under the Indian Charitable Trusts Act, all others are subject to normal taxation laws.

**Shri Ranga:** May I know whether any concerted effort is being made to see that as much of the machinery needed for sugar factories as possible is manufactured in this country?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The people who want to start these sugar factories are helped to get into touch with the manufacturers in India and also to import the rest of it from abroad. We have licensed 14 units for the manufacture of complete sugar machinery. However, they have not all gone into production. In the meantime, we are trying to assist them to import as little of machinery as possible.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** One of the industries, that is run by the co-operative societies is brick manufacture. May I know in which co-operative societies, brick manufacture is done on a co-operative basis, and the quantity of bricks manufactured?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There are so many industrial co-operative societies for different industries, about 11,000 odd societies in only half a dozen States; and many more are still being registered. So, it will not be possible to say what the quantity of bricks manufactured is. But I can assure the hon. Member that, that is one of the important industries brought under the co-operative fold.

**Shri Venkatasubbalah:** May I know whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are subsidising these co-operative societies which are

organising these small-scale industries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The Khadi and Village Industries Commission, already encourage co-operatives in all village industries, and even in the field of khadi manufacture which was so far reserved for only approved institutions.

**Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether Government will specifically mention the types of industries that will be run by the co-operative societies and restrict only those industries to that sector?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is our endeavour that as far as the small industries, cottage industries, village industries, khadi and handloom industries, that is, the decentralised sector is concerned, we should bring in more and more co-operatives in it. There is no matter pending before us to reserve certain industries for the co-operatives and some others for the others. It is always our continuous objective, to bring into more and more co-operation, as far as small industries are concerned.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know the names of the States in which these industrial co-operatives are making the greatest progress?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** To name only a few, Uttar Pradesh has done very well in industrial co-operatives. I would not say that they have done really badly in any State. But Andhra Pradesh, Bombay and Kerala and Madras are also very much leading in industrial co-operatives.

#### Khadi and Village Industries Board

\*1127. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Board has proposed to the Government for allocation to it 50 per cent. of the funds allotted to the Community Project Administration;

(b) if so, the purpose for which this allocation has been demanded; and