

श्री ज० ल० द्विवेदी : पिछले दिनों सूचना मंत्री महोदय ने बताया था कि टेक्निकल के जो सेट हम को मिलिये या दूसरी जगहों से मिले हैं, उन को इसलिये प्रयुक्त नहीं किया जा सकता, क्योंकि बाद में हम को उसी तरह के सेट लगाने पड़ेंगे। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सेट बाहर से मंगाने पड़े हैं या उन्हीं सेट्स को प्रयुक्त किया जायगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : एक्सपेरिमेंटल यूनिट के लिये जो सेट हम को मिला है, हम बहुधा उसी को इस्तेमाल करेंगे।

#### American Investment in India

\*376. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Anrudh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of industries to which after study here, Mr Harry J Robinson, Ford Foundation Scholar, has drawn the attention of American Industrialists for investment in India; and

(b) whether Government have so far received any report from Mr. Robinson regarding the attitude of the American business towards investment in India?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Mr. Harry J. Robinson has drawn the attention of American industrialists to several investment opportunities in India. The industries covered include steel structurals, machine tools, engineering, electrical goods, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, paper, sugar and paints and varnishes.

(b) No, Sir

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the Ford Foundation Scholar, after studying in India, pointed out certain things which prevent foreigners coming to invest in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No. Sir. On the country, Mr. Robinson has published a pamphlet under the Ford Foundation which gives the redeeming and bright features of the industrial policy of this country.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any fresh steps have been taken to create a more favourable atmosphere to attract foreign investment in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: All our steps are directed towards that end. The recent scheme of deferred payment and equity participation is a very positive step in that direction.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The hon. Minister just now said that machine tool development is one of the recommendations made by Mr. Robinson. After that, an American Mission with the joint collaboration of India and America have visited this country. May I know how much of capital participation has been promised to the Government of India and in what sphere that capital participation will be?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That Mission came entirely apart from Mr. Robinson's efforts. That was the result of joint efforts of our country and the USA. That Mission is still touring the country. We are quite hopeful that quite a major collaboration will come forward as a result of the investigations.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: On the question of steel structurals and machine tools, which are not industries of a basic character, may I know whether these are fields of industry in which private foreign capital is going to be now invested?

Shri Manubhai Shah: If I may draw the attention of the hon. Lady Member, Schedule I does not contain these industries. Steel structurals are not as basic as manufacture of steel and various other types of heavy industries. Machine tools are of different categories. Some of the heavy machine tools we manufacture ourselves in Bangalore. Another firm is

proposed to be established with German, collaboration for heavy machine tools. There are various machine tool categories working in the private sector also.

**Shri C. D. Pande:** Has it come to the notice of the Government that after the report of Mr Robinson, there have been certain legislations proposed which are likely to have an unfavourable impression there?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That is not a fact. As a matter of fact, foreign capital and foreign industrialists are coming into this country with different proposals. If that is an indication, I do not think the impression of the hon. Member can be sustained.

**Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:** What is the total American investment in India today?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** This question has often come to the House and as I said last time, we have not got a recent survey made, of what is actually the break-up countrywise. On the whole, there is very little dis-investment, but increasing rate of investment of foreign capital.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** In regard to paints and varnishes to which Mr Robinson referred, has the Government assessed the strength and potentiality of the Indian paint manufacturers who run Indian paint factories on Indian capital and management?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Oh yes. Licences were given after considering the existing capacity and the need for new capacity.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** May I know whether American investment in 1956 has decreased or increased?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is on the increase.

### Labourers in Andamans and Nicobar Islands

\*371. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Labourers of Andamans and Nicobar Islands are covered by Labour Legislations; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to improve their conditions?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) Yes

(b) A report regarding the working of the Labour Laws has been called for from the Chief Commissioner and the information will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the labour situation in Andamans and Nicobar is satisfactory at present?

**Shri Abid Ali:** Quite peaceful.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether the Government of India did not increase the wages of permanent mazdoors there on 23-2-57? Why is it that they have not implemented their own orders yet?

**Shri Abid Ali:** That is what I have said in reply to part (b) of the question.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Is it a fact that only very recently a canteen of the workers in ships was invaded by the police and their goods were thrown out from the canteen without giving any notice to these people and now the whole place has been taken over by the police, and in spite of various appeals to the Commissioner and other authorities there nothing has been done, and that there are no labour tribunals to which they can represent?

**Shri Abid Ali:** The report was that mischief-mongers created trouble and subsequently everything was made peaceful.