

before industrial tribunals, we have found that usually closures during the pendency of the tribunal are resorted to as a measure of victimisation of workers for going to the tribunal.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may put the question straightaway.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: In view of this fact, have the Government investigated into the *bona fides* of the closure and what methods have the Government followed in order to come to the conclusion that the closure is due to inefficient production and other causes alleged by the company?

Shri Kanungo: Application has been made to the Labour Tribunal in Madras and they will go into the *bona fides* or otherwise of the application.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if this inefficient production or uneconomic working is due to machinery being obsolete or due to inefficient management?

Shri Kanungo: Various causes, as far as we know, including old machinery and go-slow tactics for a number of months.

Shri Joachim Alva: Quite many textile mills come to grief. Is the Government not provided with the latest statements of the financial accounts of each mill so that the Government could put its machinery into operation to prevent the closure?

Shri Kanungo: There are not too many mills. The number has been round about 20. That is not too much.

Shri B. Ramanathan Chettiar: What steps are the Government taking to help this mill, to keep the mill going, to prevent hundreds of labourers being thrown out of employment?

Shri Kanungo: We do not want to do anything unless we are asked.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether the Government has enquired the extent of the financial losses, whether the financial losses are only for the last year or for a series of years?

Shri Kanungo: Series of years.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

हथकरखे के कपड़े का निर्यात

*८२२. श्री हरिश्चन्द्र शर्मा : क्या बालिष्ठ तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बालू वर्ष में हथकरखे के कपड़े के निर्यात को विनियमित करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष १९५६ की अपेक्षा अधिक मात्रा में हथकरखे का कपड़ा निर्यात किये जाने की आशा है; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो यह अधिक निर्यात किन देशों को किया गया है या किया जाने वाला है ?

बालिष्ठ मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) मभा की मेज पर एक विवरण रखा जाता है। [दिल्ली परिशिष्ट ३, अनुसूच्य संख्या ६७]

(ख) इस वर्ष भी कमोवेश उतना ही निर्यात होने की आशा है, जितना १९५६ में हुआ था।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

जूट्स एम्प्लोरियम की दुःगति

*८२५ श्री भद्रीरिया : क्या बालिष्ठ तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि काश्मीर सरकार के घाटे एम्प्लोरियम की एक दुकान पश्चिमी जर्मनी में खोली जा रही है ?

बालिष्ठ तथा उद्योग उद्यमंत्रो (श्री सीता चन्द्र) : जी, नहीं।

Jute Mills in West Bengal

*827. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Jute Mills in West Bengal which