Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is about economic sanction. Collaboration would be just the opposite.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: That is why I have put this question.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Is it a fact that the pressure that the Western powers have brought and the way in which they have raised this question in the Security Council is just to divert India from its neutral policy to something else?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No pressure can be brought to bear on India because India has not done and is not going to do anything which might be construed to cause breach of peace or an act of aggression.

Machine Tools

*935. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have examined the question of setting up of small machine tool factories on the pattern of the machine tool factories in Italy;
- (b) if so, whether any decision has been taken on the subject; and
- (c) what would be its effect on the general pattern of rationalisation in our industry?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The Development Council for the Machine Tool Industry is examining how far machine tools can be manufactured in small shadow factories as in Italy. It will greatly help in the development of machine tool industry.

Shri Heda: When do the Government expect that the consideration will be over and the decision will be taken?

Sizi Manubhai Shah: As far as the consideration is concerned, we always encourage the establishment of shadow industries and factories. The Council has to give concrete proposals and as

soon as concrete proposals are received, they will be considered.

Shri Heda: May I get some short sketch of the proposals as to how many centres will be opened and whether they will be distributed all over the country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Recently the Development Council recommended certain proposals. The licensing Committee has already approved 15 new schemes.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: When do we expect to be self-sufficient in respect of machine tools?

Shri Manuhhai Shah: Not for a long time yet.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the number of machine tool factories and their annual production?

Shri Manubhal Shah: Just now there are 18 machine tool factories—two in the public sector. A third one is coming in the public sector. The rest are in the private sector. The production is worth Rs 2.25 crores annually in the organised sector.

Modernisation of Jute Industry

*936. Shri Raghunath Singh: Shri R. S. Tiwari:

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

- (a) what steps are being taken to help modernise the jute industry of India in order to reduce the cost of production of jute goods;
- (b) the amount of financial assistance given so far for rationalisation of jute industry; and
- (c) the names of firms to whom such assistance has been given?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Loans are being given for the purpose by the National Industrial Development Corporation.

(b) Rs. 50,91,665.

- (c) (i) The Fort Gloster Industries Ltd.,
 - (ii) Khardah Jute Mills.

भी रघुनाथ सिंह . जो भी जुट मिलें हिन्दस्तान में बाज है उन में से कितनी मिलों में माडनाइजेशन का प्रयोग किया जायेगा?

बी मनुभाई बाह : ५० परसेंट मिलो का माहर्नाइजेशन हो गया है।

भी राभेक्षर टांटिया : मैं यह पूछना बाहता ह कि जो मिले ऐसी है जिन्होंने नवीनी-करण के लिये रुपये की कोई माग नहीं की है पर जो बराबर लाभ दिला रही है, क्या सरकार ऐसी मिलों को प्रपने हाथ में ले कर नवीनीकरण करेगी, जिससे शेधर होल्डरो का रुपया बरबाद न हा सके ?

भी मनभाई शाह हमारा किमी मिल को लेने का इरादा नहीं है सास कर जा ऐमी खराब मिलें है। हम तो ऐसी काशिश करत है कि वे यहा भाये भीर एप्लिशेशन द। उसर बाद मेरिट्म पर धगर जाच पड़नाल करन व बाद उनकी मिक्योरिटी मच्छी हई हो लोन दिया जायगा ।

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty In view of the fact that foreign assistance is going to come largely to the private sector, may I know whether the NIDC funds reserved for rationalisation purposes will now be made available for the public sector?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As the hon. lady Member is aware, the NIDC has two-fold programmes. One 15 to establish in the public sector heavy industries and the second one is modernisation of the cotton textile and jute mills. The second programme relates exclusively to industries in the private sector.

Dr. Gebekar: May I know whether this will create any unemployment and, if so, what steps the Government are going to take to remove unemployment?

Shri Manubhai Shah: One of the conditions of modernisation is that modernisation should take place without retrenchment

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know the total amount that would be required for modernisation of jute mills in Calcutta and how much of that will be supplied by the NIDC?

Shri Manabhai Shah: In the Second Five Year Plan we have provided Rs 20 crores for modernisation of cotton and jute milis

Shri Biren Roy: Is the hon Minister aware that as a result of rationalisation, many jute mills in Calcutta have already retrenched many people and there is lot of unemployment?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is quite a separate question Apart modernisation and the NIDC loans for rationalisation, the Labour Ministry and our Ministry has gone into the question and we try to avoid hardship as may be there

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Does the hon Minister know that there has been displacement or retrenchment in Fort Gloster Mills and Khardah Jute Mills?

Shri Manabhai Shah: As far as I am aware due to modernisation and loans given by the NIDC, no retrenchment has taken place in the strength of Labour

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Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Shri D. C Sharma:

| Shri Raghunath Singh:

*938. < Shri Mehan Swarup: Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:

Shri Rameshwar Tantia. Sardar Ighal Singh: Shrimati Renu

Chakravarity:

Will the Minister of Commerce and **Industry** be pleased to state.

(a) whether the private Indian Misabroad headed рa Shri sion G D Birla has submitted any