

Foundry Forge Project

*575. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shrimati Ganga Devi:

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

(a) how far negotiations for establishing a Foundry Forge Project in India with Foreign interests has succeeded; and

(b) whether there are any prospects of getting any credit facilities and technical collaboration for at least Heavy Machine Tool Plant in India?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Negotiations are still in progress for the establishment of Foundry/Forge and Heavy Machine Tool Plants in India.

Report of Cost Accountant on TELCO

*576. { Shri Morarka:
Shri Nathwani:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay on the Table a copy of the Report submitted by the Cost Accountant and the Foreign Expert on Telco on the basis of which the Tariff Commission has based its recommendations?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Copies of the two documents have been separately made available to the Parliament Library.

Closure of Textile Mill, Kishengarh (Rajasthan)

*577. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile mill at Kishengarh in Rajasthan has closed down;

(b) whether Government have investigated the causes for closure of this mill;

(c) if so, the effects being made to re-open the mill; and

(d) whether any relief has been provided to the workers?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The enquiry into the causes of closure has revealed that there is mismanagement of the affairs of the mill. The mill company is also short of working capital and no arrangement could be made by the mill company to find the requisite finance to run the mill. The mill can be restarted and worked smoothly only if sufficient working capital is found by the mill management and the essential repairs and renewals also done.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Rajasthan.

Jute Products

*578. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Jhulan Sinha:

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

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase India's export of Jute products; and

(b) if so, the result thereof, (country-wise)?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha showing the trend of exports. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 106].

त्रिभुवन राज-पथ पर ट्रक दुर्घटना

*५७६ { श्री त्रिभूति मिश्र:
श्री बाजपेयी:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि २३ अक्टूबर, १९५७ को त्रिभुवन राज-पथ पर मोटर ट्रक के उलट जाने से लगभग २० व्यक्ति, जिनमें पटना विश्वविद्यालय के पांच विद्यार्थी भी सम्मिलित हैं, मारे गये।