

Shri Tangamani: I wanted to know another point. What is the total assistance which is going to be given for the construction of the balance of nearly 75 units, for which work has already started in 1957-58?

Shri Manubhai Shah: 75 in Guindy estate?

Shri Tangamani: Not only in Guindy, but in Madras State in eight centres various factory units are going to be set up. The number of units that are going to be set up according to the statement is 126. Already 54 units have been completed. I would like to know how much money is going to be set apart by way of loan and by way of grants for the year 1958-59, because the statement only gives for the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Shri Manubhai Shah: Out of Rs. 79.5 lakhs for Industrial Estates for Madras State in the Second Plan about Rs. 20 lakhs will be spent in 1958-59.

Consumption of Coir and Coir Products

*1975. **Shri Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the progress so far made by the Coir Board and Government in their programme of increasing the internal consumption of coir and coir products?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See appendix VIII, annexure No. 93.]

Shri Kumaran: It is said in the statement that the use of coir mats and mattings has been recommended by this Ministry to other Ministries of the Government of India and to all State Governments. If my information is correct, this recommendation was made by this Ministry some two years ago. May I know how far this recommendation has been accepted by the other Ministries of the Government of India and the State Governments?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Practically all the Ministries as also the State Governments have accepted the policy of giving very favourable consideration to the purchase of coir mattings and coir products.

Shri V. P. Nayar: It is understood that this recommendation is two years old but one does not find any coir floor furnishing, either mats or mattings, in the huge buildings which the Government of India have put up in Delhi, for example the Asoka Hotel or Janpath or Krishi Bhavan. I want to know the total value of the purchases of the Central Government through the W.H.S. Ministry or any other Ministry of coir mats and matting subsequent to the order.

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as such details are concerned, I do not think the statistics would be available, but I will attempt to find out from the W.H.S. Ministry if they have maintained such separate records.

Rebate on Tea Duty

*1977. **Shri Jinachandran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Ceylon Government's decision to give relief to the low priced teas meant for export by granting rebate on tea duty on a graded sale; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are going to take to enable Indian tea to compete favourably with Ceylonese tea in foreign markets?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). Government of Ceylon have issued a communique introducing a scheme of rebate on duty to be allowed to producers of lower priced teas. The question of sustaining the inherent strength of Indian tea in the world market is under our consideration.

Shri Jinachandran: May I know the amount of contribution made by India