

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether the schemes are run by the Government of Orissa or through other agencies?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There are different agencies. These are for training, for propaganda, administrative apparatus and the like.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether these schemes are in continuation of the old schemes or they are fresh schemes?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Most of them are in continuation of the old schemes. They are trying to bring two or three new schemes.

#### Installation of Automatic Looms

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\*1910. { **Shri Naushir Bharucha:**  
**Shri Silva Raj:**  
**Shri B. K. Gaikwad:**

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

(a) whether Government have decided on a policy of liberalisation of the conditions for the installation of automatic looms in cotton textile mills in Bombay State;

(b) if so, what are the relaxations contemplated;

(c) whether automatic looms will be permitted for particular counts and categories of cloth; and

(d) what effect such relaxation will have on the displacement of operatives?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Shri Naushir Bharucha:** May I know whether the Government has got any programme for installing automatic looms in the remaining years of the Second Plan?

**Shri Kanungo:** The proposals issued by the Government in 1955 were

not well accepted and Government has no plans for the modification of those proposals at the moment.

**Shri Yajnik:** Is it a fact that thousands of automatic looms have already been erected in many textile mills in Bombay State, in Ahmedabad, Bombay, etc.,

**Shri Kanungo:** Except the replacements under the procedure which had been prescribed, there have been no other installations. There have been several installations before prohibition came in somewhere round about 1953-54.

**Shri Somani:** What is the number of automatic looms installed in the Bombay State in pursuance of the Government scheme announced sometime in 1956 for the promotion of our exports?

**Shri Kanungo:** All I know is that effective steps have not been taken in many cases and I have no information of the exact number of looms in position.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** What is the total number of automatic looms installed in the country since the introduction of this scheme?

**Shri Kanungo:** I have no information.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** What steps will the Government take to see that automatic looms are installed in order to boost our exports?

**Shri Kanungo:** The installation of the automatic looms depends upon the acceptance of the labour unions. Under the scheme which we have for the normal replacement of looms by automatic looms, unless the labour unions agree, they are not permitted.

**Shri Bharucha:** What progress is made in the direction of installation of automatic looms or is the matter in a state of stalemate?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** As my hon. colleague has just now

said the real difficulty has been that the labour unions concerned have not agreed to this change. When the Government took this decision, it was decided that it should be done in consultation with labour unions. Recently, I had a talk with the labour leaders and they did not fall in line with our policies. I am still pursuing the matter and I have received a note from them explaining their point of view. We propose to discuss it further with them and then it may be possible, after having that discussion, to go ahead with the scheme.

#### Industrial Estate in Rourkela (Orissa)

\*1911. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been finalised for establishing an industrial estate in Rourkela in Orissa; and

(b) whether the Union Government have been approached for rendering any financial assistance for the proposed industrial estate?

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

(b) The formal detailed proposal of the State Government is awaited.

**Shri Panigrahi:** What will be the share of the Central Government in the expenditure on the proposed industrial estate at Rourkela?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Rs. 14 lakhs—all from the Central Government.

**Shri Panigrahi:** What will be the industry or industries proposed to be located in this industrial estate?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We shall decide as soon as plans are ready.

**Shri Achar:** May I know the reasons why Rourkela was selected as the centre for this?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The policy which has now been further enlarged, as the House is aware, is that we

are attaching ancillary industries to most of the public sector projects. This is in accordance with that policy.

**Shri Panigrahi:** May I know whether the Central assistance will take the shape of loans and grants?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** All loans.

#### Type-writers

1912. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concerns producing type-writers in India are prevented from working to their full capacity by not getting foreign exchange for the steel that they have to import for their type-writers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the value of the steel that these concerns require amounts to about Rs. 12 per type-writer;

(c) the total number of type-writers imported into the country and the value thereof; and

(d) the additional number of type-writers that can be produced by the Indian concerns on getting this small necessary amount of foreign exchange and the estimated value thereof?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Production in a few units may have been affected to a very small extent owing to shortage of imported steel. However, the overall production of typewriters in the country has actually gone up as shown in statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha, [See Appendix VIII annexure No. 49.]

(b) The value of imported categories of steel per type-writer ranged from Rs. 25 to Rs. 32 during 1957-58 and not Rs. 12 per type-writer.

(c) The required information is also contained in the aforesaid statement.

(d) It is hoped that with the improvement in the supply position of steel, production will increase.