

I repeated the same sentiment that it will not be wise for these friends to go in for additional production.

Mr. Speaker Next question.

पटसन मिलें

\*१९१८. { श्री रामेश्वर टांटिया :  
श्री भोगजी भाई :

क्या बार्सिलोप्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में कितनी पटसन की मिलें विदेशी फर्मों द्वारा संचालित है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन में से कुछ मिलें गत कई वर्षों में नुकसान में चल रही हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

बा.शिल्प मंत्र: ( श्री फानूनी ) :

(क) ३१ मिलें ।

(ख) और (ग). सरकार को पता चला है कि कुछ जूट मिलों को हाल ही में नुकसान हुआ है। सरकार इस मामले पर ध्यान दे रही है ।

I shall read it in English now.

(a) 31.

(b) and (c). It has come to the notice of Government that some jute Mills have recently sustained losses; Government are looking into the matter.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether some enquiry was made by Government against some mill-owners and it was then found that there is a possibility of misappropriation in buying jute from the mofussil for selling manufactured goods in U.S.A. through their own agency houses?

Shri Kanungo: There was no such enquiry by Government. Government are studying the position and trying to find out the real reasons for the loss. There was no formal enquiry under the Regulation Act.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: As the hon. Minister has stated that some mills have been found to be continuously running at losses, will Government make an enquiry into the matter?

Shri Kanungo: Not, at present. If the Government feels that it is necessary, it will do so.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Has the Government ever considered the possibility of transferring one of the existing jute mills in Calcutta to Orissa in order to make it a profitable venture?

Shri Kanungo: That has not been considered, because the capacity today is much more than the requirements.

Shri Muhammed Elias: As many of these foreign jute mills are running at losses due to bad management and as the workers are being retrenched, may I know whether Government is thinking of taking over all those mills which are running at a loss due to bad management?

Shri Kanungo: The total production has been kept steady. In fact, for some years past, it has gone up. Government is studying the situation—why some of the mills are running at losses. If necessary, further steps for enquiry will be taken.

Electric Furnace of JEMCO

\*1919. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electric Furnace for steel casting of Jamshedpur Engineering and Machine Manufacturing Company Ltd. (JEMCO) imported three years ago, has not been set up;