

May I know whether it is the responsibility of the unions only to submit such complaints or whether the Minister also will depute some officers who will go into the matter, because some of the factories have not deposited the money at all, covering all the employees there?

**Shri Abid Ali:** I have already assured the House that it is immaterial whether they have deposited the money or not. The workers from whom contributions are recovered are entitled to the benefit, and in case anybody has not received, either the worker himself or the union can write to us. Action will be taken and they will certainly be receiving the benefit to which they are entitled.

#### Import of Photographic Materials

\*2059. **Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have entered into an agreement with the Government of East Germany for the import of photographic materials through the factories of Messrs Vebphoto, Deko and Agfa,

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the value of these goods to be imported per annum,

(c) whether the State Trading Corporation in pursuance of the above agreement have appointed (i) Messrs Central Camera Co, (ii) Messrs Agfa India Ltd, and (iii) Messrs Choksi Bios to import various items of these goods from East Germany, and

(d) if so, the value of goods to be imported by each firm and the criteria employed in their selection?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir. Photography is one of the items of imports from German Democratic Republic under the agreement

(b) Copies of the agreement were laid on the Table of the House on the 11th December, 1958

(c) and (d) The State Trading Corporation organises the imports of the photographic materials through its business associates, who are appointed on the basis of their previous experience in handling the materials imported from the country in question. These associates act as stockists only and sell at the prices prescribed by the State Trading Corporation and to the allottees nominated in consultation with the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know if the established photographic trade or the Chambers of Commerce were consulted before this agreement was concluded?

**Shri Kanungo:** No, Sir. It is not necessary.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know if the prices at which the materials had been purchased were the lowest obtaining in the world, quality for quality and size for size?

**Shri Kanungo:** These are special imports under special terms from a special country, that is, the German Democratic Republic. Therefore, taking into consideration all factors, we think that the prices are reasonable.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know whether the Government have received any complaint about the quality of these materials?

**Shri Kanungo:** We have not received any complaint about the quality of the materials of German origin.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know what percentage of the country's requirements is routed through these three firms?

**Shri Kanungo:** There are not three firms. I was mentioning about the imports from East Germany. As far as the quantity is concerned, I would say that roughly, up to September,

1958, the goods imported from that source were of the value of about Rs 5 lakhs and from other sources Rs 19 lakhs odd. In the next period up to March, 1959, the quantity from other open sources was worth Rs 18 lakhs and from special agreement areas Rs 24 lakhs because there was consistent shortage of these materials.

**Shri Ansar Harvani:** May I know whether the State Trading Corporation asked for any tenders or applications before the appointment of the stockists was made?

**Shri Kanungo:** No, Sir. It is only that the stockists are chosen from those people who have had traditional contacts with those countries.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know for how long have they been selling in their own home markets and what is the reputation they enjoy in their home markets?

**Shri Kanungo:** As I have explained not only do they have their reputation in their home country but all over the world.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** There are two other brands.

**Shri Kanungo:** There are new sources. Those sources were not known before in India, and because they were special agreements we imported from those countries.

**सेठ गोबिन्द दास** जहा तक इन सामान के बाहर से मगाने का प्रश्न है मैं जानना चाहता हू कि क्या यह सामान यहा भी बन रहा है, और अगर यहा नहीं बन रहा है तो क्या इस का कोई प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि यह यहा पग बने? और अगर प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है तो कितने स्थानो पर और कब तक आशा की जाती है कि हमें इसे बाहर से नहीं मगाना पड़ेगा?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह)**  
जहा तक फोटोग्राफिक केमिकल्स का ताल्लुक

है काफी तादाद में वह हिन्दुस्तान में बन लगे हैं। रा फिल्मस का जहा तक ताल्लुक है, हाउस को पता है कि ईस्ट जर्मनी के साथ हम इस बात की बोखिश कर रहे हैं कि यहा रा फिल्म की एक फैक्ट्री बनाई जाय और ऊटाक मान्ड में अगले तीन चार साल में यह बालू हा मक ऐसी कागिश की जा रही है।

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know the reason why all these three firms which have been chosen by the State Trading Corporation have their head office in Bombay?

**Shri Kanungo:** Only two of the firms act as the business associates of the State Trading Corporation. One of the three mentioned by the hon Member is not known to us. The reason is that they had previous contacts with Germany.

**Shri M. Khuda Bukhsh:** May I know if the Government are satisfied that the firms chosen by the State Trading Corporation have an effective network for the distribution of the goods?

**Shri Kanungo:** The distribution is controlled. As I have said in the main answer they have not the option of distribution. They have to deliver the goods to the allottees decided by the Chief Controller.

**काश्मीर के सदरे-रियासत और प्रधान मंत्री की रूस यात्रा**

\*२०६० श्री भक्त बर्शन नया प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले दिनों जब रूसी प्रतिनिधि-मण्डल ने काश्मीर की यात्रा की थी, तब उसके नेता ने जम्मू और काश्मीर के प्रधान मंत्री को रूस आने का निमन्त्रण दिया था,

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या वह निमन्त्रण स्वीकार कर लिया गया है,

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि रूस-सरकार के निमन्त्रण पर जम्मू-काश्मीर के सदरे-रियासत महोदय भी रूस जाने वाले हैं, और