

asked to give their suggestion as to the provision of amenities so that they might give the best opportunities to increase production? If so, what are they like?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as the trade unions are concerned I must accept on behalf of Government and the NPC that they have been most cooperative as any found anywhere in the world. The labour unions of all sections have come forward to assist and help productivity movements.

Shri Tangamani: May I know when the *Productivity Review*, a monthly journal which was proposed to be published, will be published? May I also know whether the yearly commitment will remain only at Rs 10 lakhs as it was in 1959 or whether it will be improved in view of the fact that a large number of centres are going to be opened?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I may caution only this much that this is not a mere movement where multiplication of institutions, organisations and other things alone will work. We have to produce the instruments and tools of productivity. Therefore, our approach is more intensively qualitative so that the movement can give the maximum results in the shortest possible time with the least expenditure. Rs 10 lakhs are provided this year, and we consider it an adequate sum of money. But money is not, perhaps, going to stand in the way of expansion. If it is really needed more can be spent.

Shri Tangamani: What about the monthly journal?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will be published shortly.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know whether there are foreign specialists or technicians in the National Productivity Council?

Shri Manubhai Shah: They are attached in a way as advisers. The

NPC is a wholly national institution represented by Indian nationals.

U.S. Trade Mission

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Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tantis:
Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Shri Assar:
*1568 Shri Mahanty:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Kunhan.
Shri Raghunath Singh
Shri Bimal Ghose:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a US Trade Mission visited India during October-December, 1958,

(b) if so, the objects of the Mission;

(c) whether the Mission has submitted any report to the Government,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the action Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (e) During October-December, 1958, two US Trade Missions visited India. The object of the first Mission was to advise the Government of India on the possibilities of increasing exports of Indian handicrafts and handloom products to USA. The second Mission was in connection with the US Small Industries exhibition held in Delhi in December-January last. The report of the first Mission is awaited. No report is due from second Mission as it was only for the exhibition as mentioned above.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the second Mission has expressed the view that

export of Indian goods has fallen a great deal for want of quality and standard? If so, what steps are Government taking to improve the quality?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It hardly arises out of this question. As the hon. Member is aware that there is the Export Promotion Council and steps are being taken to see that more missions, more delegations and more international contacts are arranged and organised so that the foreign trade can go up.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the second Mission had expressed the desire of the manufacturers of machinery in U.S.A. are ready to set up new establishments in India in partnership with Indian businessmen? If so, what is the reaction of Government?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I could not follow the long question. If the hon. Member can kindly repeat

Mr. Speaker: It is a long question. Shri Samanta.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the second Mission which came to India in connection with the Small Industries Exhibition had any talk with our Government about the exchange of small scale things in our country with theirs?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This particular Mission is really confined to taking round the small industries exhibition of the United States which had already been exhibited in Delhi. Now it is being shown in Calcutta and it would be shown in another twelve or fourteen places in India. There was no actual discussion with them. There have been some delegations coming from different countries including the United States with which we are having several types of discussions.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the names of the important handicrafts and handloom product centres which this Mission visited?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This particular Mission, I think, went round to

nearly fourteen places: Benaras, Srinagar, Hyderabad.....

Mr. Speaker: He need not read all that. They have come here to go round.

Shri Prabhat Kar: May I know whether as a result of this Mission the export of handicrafts and handlooms has increased and if so to what extent?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As soon as a mission comes the exports do not increase but all these steps do have a cumulative effect and create a better climate for Indian goods in the foreign countries and enable the production of standard goods of high quality in our country.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the leader of the U.S. delegation made a statement in Calcutta to the effect that the U.S. businessmen are interested in how they would earn profits and repatriate them and enjoy equal rights with the citizens of the country and, if so, may I know what is the quantum of profits that is proposed to be repatriated and what is the quantum that is expected to be ploughed back into the industry?

Mr. Speaker: That hardly arises out of this question. If a trade delegation comes, every other matter does not come in.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The U.S. manufacturers are interested in setting up new establishments in India with the partnership of the Indian businessmen. May I know what is the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The reaction of the Government has been that regarding all these missions and various types of collaboration as long as they are within the four corners of the National Industrial Policy and they are going to be in the interest of this country, we always try to encourage such collaboration.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Hem Barua rose—

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member is asking something beyond the scope of the question I have called another question He can intervene in any question Now next question

Production of Raw Film

*1569. Shri Keshava: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that a private company proposes to start the production of raw film in Mysore in collaboration with a foreign firm; and

(b) if so, the name of the foreign firm and where the industry is to be located?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir No regular proposal has been received

(b) Does not arise

Shri Keshava: In view of the fact that our country consumes quite a large quantity of raw films and there is no indigenous factory in our country, is it a fact that the Mysore Government sent up a proposal for setting up a raw film factory in Mysore State?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This matter has come up before this House several times in the past The present effort is to establish one raw film project plant in Madras in Ootacamund which is the place selected by the previous teams and efforts are being made with East Germany—and other countries also now—to see that this plant is established as early as possible

Shri Dasappa rose—

Mr. Speaker: It has been coming up again and again

Shri Dasappa: Will it be in the public sector or in the private sector?

Shri Manubhai Shah: In the public sector

Drainage System in Delhi

*1570. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and

Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1218 on the 19th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the final report from the Committee of Inquiry regarding inefficient working of the drainage system in Delhi, and

(b) if so, the main recommendations contained therein?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b) The report of the Committee has been laid on the Table of the House on 28th March, 1959 Section 8 of the report furnishes a summary of the recommendations

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether this scheme for desilting of Najafgarh Nullah has been taken up?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Yes, Sir, that is one of the recommendations of the Committee The estimate has also been prepared for desilting of the Najafgarh Nullah—that is, the first phase of it I think the work is about to be taken up

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the total estimated expenditure?

Shri K. C. Reddy: For what item?

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: For the Najafgarh Nullah

Shri K. C. Reddy: It has been sanctioned and it costs about Rs 2 lakhs and odd

Legislation for Prevention of Strikes

*1572. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governments of Bombay and Madras States have approached the Government of India for enactment to legislations prohibiting "stay in strikes" and "go slow" by workers; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in the matter?