

this factory and if the Government have entered into any agreement with this concern regarding the supply of slags and the consideration thereof?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is a purely commercial transaction and the Hindustan Steel Board is quite competent to decide all prices. If any case, is referred to Government in case of difference of opinion, the provision of the Tariff Act is there and the enquiry can be entrusted to the Tariff Commission. So far no such dispute has arisen.

#### Export of Wool to U.K

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Shri M. B. Thakore

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian wool exports to U.K fell considerably during 1958,

(b) if so the extent of fall,

(c) the reasons thereof, and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to encourage wool exports?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) and (b). The export of raw wool to U.K. declined by 3.46 million lbs in 1958 as compared to the previous year.

(c) Total imports of raw wool from all sources into the U.K. fell considerably during 1958.

(d) The market is showing signs of revival and no special steps are called for.

We produce about 70 to 75 million lbs of wool in our own country. An insignificant quantity of some special type of wool was coming from Tibet. The major production of wool in the country is in the States of Rajasthan, Punjab, and Saurashtra region of Bombay. We produce about 75 mil-

lion lbs. of wool in India.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने जो एग्जाम्पल दिया है, वह तो मोटे बूल का एग्जाम्पल है कि उसके कालीन और कारपेट बनते हैं। पाण्डे जी का पूछने का अर्थ यह था कि जिम बूल का क्लाय बनता है, उस बूल का इम्पोर्ट कम हुआ है या नहीं।

**श्री सतीश चन्द्र:** थोड़ी बहुत पशुमनी वगैरह की बूल तिब्बत में आती है। कुछ और बूल आती है, लेकिन ज्यादातर जो निर्यात होता है, वह सब हिन्दुस्तान में होती है, जिससे कारपेट और कम्बल बनते हैं और कुछ ट्वीइज का कपडा बनता है और उसी का निर्यात व्यापार दूसरे मुल्को में है।

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** May I know

**Some Hon Members:** In Hindi

**श्री जयपाल सिंह:** क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जान सकता हूँ कि सारे साल के इस माल की कीमत कितनी होती है और नाल मुल्को को कितना माल गया ?

**श्री सतीश चन्द्र:** १९५८ में हमने ५० ए० ए० घार० का करीब ६ मिलियन पाउण्ड उन मंत्री। वह ५० के० म कम थी।

**श्री जयपाल सिंह:** क्या यह बात सही है कि सबसे हमने नाल मुल्का से व्यापार करना शुरू कर दिया है, तभी से हमने मुल्को में हमारा व्यापार घट गया है ?

**श्री सतीश चन्द्र:** ऐसी बात बिल्कुल नहीं है। जो हमारे पास मरप्लस बूल थी, वह वहा जा रही है। ५० के० को हम जितनी बूल दे सकते थे, वह अब भी दे सकते हैं। पिछले साल इंग्लैण्ड में करीब १६ मिलियन पाउण्ड बूल कम आयात हुआ, जिसकी वजह से तीन, साढ़े तीन मिलियन पाउण्ड का हम पर भी अमर हुआ—हमारी बूल भी कम गई, लेकिन जितना हम पहले बेते थे, उतनी अब भी बे सकते हैं।

**Sardar Iqbal Singh:** May I know whether Government has enquired

into the reasons for the decline and whether it is also a fact that the export licences are given to the firms in Bombay and Calcutta and those firms cannot export according to the schedule and quota?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** Licences are given to all those who have contacts in foreign countries and have been in this trade for a long period. If there are other parties, certainly their cases can be considered.

**Shri C. D. Pande:** As a large portion of our export trade in wool was through the Tibetan source, may I know whether the stoppage of trade with Tibet will result in any reduction in our export?

**Shri N. R. Munisamy:** May I know whether it is a fact that the decline in the export of wool is considerably due to the mixture with the genuine wool as a result of which UK refuses to take delivery of the wool?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** No.

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** That is not so. I want to add further. We have now to consider whether we should allow this wool to go abroad so that all the goods would be manufactured there when we are trying to increase our manufacturing capacity for wool here. Secondly, the House will be glad to know that our export of woollen manufactured goods is on the increase. Where as in the year 1955-56 the value of the goods exported was only Rs. 4.2 crores, it has gone up to Rs 5.4 crores in the year 1958-59. So, we should naturally concentrate on the manufacture of wollen goods in the country and export our goods to foreign countries.

**Shri M. B. Thakore:** May I know the total export of wool to USSR in the year 1958?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** I gave the figure just now. In the case of USSR for lamb wool it is 9 million pounds. We have not exported any other variety.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Socio-Economic Survey

**\*585 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government some time back had asked the State Governments to conduct a socio-economic survey of fairs and festivals observed in villages together with their duration and worship of particular deities;

(b) whether these surveys have been completed;

(c) whether Government have received any reports from the States;

(d) if so, the next step proposed to be taken in regard thereto; and

(e) what was the main reason for having such a survey made?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) and (b). No. Some data on the observance of fairs in villages was, however, collected as incidental information relating to village statistics during the 11th and 12th rounds of the National Sample Survey in which some of the State Governments also participated on the basis of a matching sample.

(c) No; the tabulation of State Samples is done by the State Governments for their own purposes and the results are not required to be submitted to us.

(d) and (e) This information was collected not in order to furnish information about village fairs but in order to afford a cross-check of other village statistics, when necessary or possible.

### International Friendship Associations

**\*586, Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1724 on the 8th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to find out the sources of the