

at present two or three of our engineers who have gone to take experience for three months. But this particular unit is already beginning to function on the experience and knowledge of our own engineers who have had occasion to learn about television before

**Shri Keshava:** May I know what is the total number of sets that this experimental station is likely to serve?

**Dr Keekar:** There can be any number of sets put up for those who want to see, but we ourselves are going to begin with a very modest number of sets. I had occasion to inform the House before that these programmes are meant for schools and communities mostly in the rural areas though we do propose to put up a few sets in the urban areas also. Individuals can have sets, of course, to see this programmes. There is no bar, but probably the limiting factor will be the availability of television sets.

**सेठ अचल सिंह** क्या मनी महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जब टेलिविजन फिट हो जायेगा तो क्या दिल्ली के बाहर जो प्रदर्शनीया घाटि होती है उन में भी देखने के वास्ते इसे भेजा जायेगा ?

**डा० कैसकर** यह नहीं हो सकेगा क्योंकि टेलिविजन की मशीनरी जो एक बार स्थापित हो जाती है उस को वहां से फिर हटाना बड़ा कठिन है ।

**सरदार झ० सिंह** सहगल अभी मनी जी ने यह बतलाया कि टेलिविजन सेट मगाने में दिक्कतें हैं। तो मैं जानना चाहता हू कि कौन सी ऐसी दिक्कतें हैं जिनकी वजह से सरकार उन को जल्दी नहीं मगवा सकी ।

**डा० कैसकर** सब से बड़ी दिक्कत तो क्वायरेन एक्सचेंज की है । धर भी जो सेट मून्न ने मगाये हैं वह पैसा खर्च कर के नहीं मगाये हैं । यूनेस्को ने हम को ग्रांट दी है, उस ग्रांट की बढौसत यह सेट मगाये गये हैं । क्वारर व्हू ग्रांट न मिलती और सहायता न

होती तो सामय व्हू नुमित भी हम खूब क्वारर न कर सकते ।

#### Price of Jute

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 1727. { **Shri Keshava:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri Anirudh Sinha:**  
**Shri S. C. Godsons:**

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

(a) what are the reasons for the steady fall in the prices of jute since 1st January, 1959; and

(b) what measures Government have taken to check this fall?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) The fluctuations in jute prices since January 1959 have not been abnormal the prices are currently looking up

(b) Does not arise

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र** क्या सच नहीं है कि सरकार जो भी जूट आता है उस का १ या २ परसेन्ट से ज्यादा नहीं खरीदती है ? अडियो में ३०० या ४०० बलगाडिया जूट की ले जाई जाती है, जिस में से सरकार दो आ तीन गाडिया खरीदती है । बाकी गाडिया आपस जाती है जिस से जूट का दाम गिर भी आता है और किसानो को बड़ा नुकसान होता है । मैं जानना चाहता हू कि सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कर रही है ।

**श्री कानूनगो** यह सवाल तो प्राइसेज के बारे में था । जनवरी से अब तक नीचा से नीचा भाव चलकते में २० रुपये १२ आने गया था और अब २३ रुपये ४ आने है । यानी फ्लक्चुएशन बहुत कम हुआ है, और उम्मीद है कि फ्लक्चुएशन बहुत ज्यादा नहीं होगा । याद रखना चाहिये कि दूसरे मुल्को में इस जूट की प्राइसेज बहुत गिर गई हैं ।

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** मैं कलकत्ते की कीमत नहीं जानना चाहता । बिहार में जो म

हैं वहाँ पर इस की जो कीमत है मैं उस के बारे में साल्मी की से जानना चाहता हूँ।

**श्री कानूनगो :** वहाँ की प्राइसेज भी मेरे पास हैं, वहाँ भी यही रेंज रहा है।

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ, कि क्या यह सही नहीं है कि बाजार में ३०० या ४०० बैलगाड़िया जाती हैं, उन में सरकार की तरफ से दो या तीन बैलगाड़ियों का जूट, जो कि अच्छा होता है, खरीदा जाता है, बाकी बैलगाड़ियां वापस जाती हैं और दूसरे बनिये कम कीमत पर उसे खरीदते हैं। मैं सरकार से इस का कौटेगारिकल जवाब चाहता हूँ।

**श्री कानूनगो :** बिहार की प्राइसेज का जहा तक सम्बन्ध है, वह जनवरी में १५ रुपये ८ आने थी और अब १६ रुपये है।

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know how much jute has been exported till now in 1950, and what will be Government's future policy for raw jute export?

**Shri Kanungo:** I have not got the export figures with me just now. The future policy will be intimated in due time. Not now.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether it is a fact that Pakistan has got a surplus production of jute and that is the main reason for the fall in the prices of Indian jute?

**Shri Kanungo:** It is not the reason, because our import of jute is severely restricted.

**Shri Barman:** May I know whether the STC is still continuing to purchase jute or has it given it up, and what is the total quantity that it has purchased up till now?

**Shri Kanungo:** As I replied to the other question, I have not got the figures of the export or of the purchases for export with me just now.

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**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** अग्यस महोदय, अभी अभी की ने बतलाया कि बिहार के बाजारों में जूट की प्राइस १५ रुपये ८ आने हैं और कलकत्ते में ३० रुपये तो बिहार से कलकत्ते ले जाने में १५ रुपये या साढ़े १४ रुपये मन खर्चा पड़ता है ?

**श्री कानूनगो :** मैं ने बिहार की प्राइसेज दे दी हैं। जनवरी में उसकी कीमत १५ रुपये ८ आने थी जब कि अब बिहार में १६ रुपये ८ आने प्राइस है।

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know whether in spite of the surplus crop of jute there is still 8½ per cent of the jute looms which remains sealed, and may I know whether the Government will consider the question of advising the mills to unseal those looms to have bigger exports of jute goods?

**Shri Kanungo:** The looms are being gradually unsealed, but yet, it must be remembered that the production of jute goods does not depend upon our country alone, but that it depends upon the production of other countries and the world demand also.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** My question was, when we have got surplus jute and there is demand for jute goods to be exported to foreign countries, what was the reason for keeping the looms sealed when we have got surplus jute in the country.

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** The hon. Member is aware of the steps taken by Government in the last season and he knows that after a long gap of time we decided to export raw jute and the STC took upon itself the responsibility of exporting the raw jute which was purchased in Bihar and other States. We are keeping in close touch with the present situation and there is no cause for worry. I would like to inform Shri Tantia that very recently, the Indian Jute

Mills Association decided to unseal 2½ per cent of looms. Only 10 per cent will now remain sealed and 2½ per cent more will be released. It will help in the consumption of raw jute in a larger quantity and I hope Shri Bibhuti Mishra also will have no complaint because there will be more and more purchases in Bihar region as well.

#### Small Paper Mills in Madras State

\*728. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1657 on the 3rd April, 1950, and state:

(a) whether negotiations have been finalised for setting up small paper mills in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). One scheme for the setting up of a paper mill at Udamalpet, in Madras with a capacity of 5 tons per day has been licensed under the Industries Act. Their proposals for the import of machinery required for the scheme are under consideration of the Government.

Shri Damani: May I know what is the total requirement of capital and what kind of paper is going to be produced by this unit?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This unit is a small unit with a capacity of five to ten tons per day. For the present the capital will be about Rs 20 to 30 lakhs.

Shri Damani: May I know how far the cost of production of such a small unit is comparable to the cost of production of a bigger unit?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is very comparable. In some cases it will be lower for certain varieties.

Shri Damani: May I know whether the Government is going to grant such licences for erecting small units in other States as well?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Already we have considered applications for 11 units and we are going to encourage more, provided the resources for the raw material are there.

Shri Damani: May I know whether the Government is going to fix or reserve some quality of paper for such units and earmark certain qualities for bigger units?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This question hardly arises, because we do not want any sub-standard paper to be produced by any factory whether large or small. In this case also the quality will be as rigid as others.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know whether any financial assistance will be given by the Centre to the small units as in bigger units?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is no question of financial assistance except a little more liberal attitude in licensing. We are trying to give them some more technical help and more and more facilities for import of plant and machinery.

Shri Morarka: May I know the total number of schemes which have been submitted to the Government for approval and how many out of those schemes have so far been approved and what is the criterion applied by the Government in approving any scheme?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as the small units are concerned, about 11 have been approved. Three to four are pending. Actually, the criterion today, as in all industries, is foreign exchange. Therefore, we are trying to see that in this country itself we manufacture all paper machinery. I am glad to inform the House that we are moving towards the formation, in the same way as in the sugar industry, of a consortium of paper machinery manufacturers. So, within the next two or three years, practically, big, medium and small plants are to be manufactured in India.