

- *159. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Ramakrishan Reddy:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1865 on the 8th April, 1960 and state:

(a) when the report of the Committee appointed by Government in connection with the manufacture of cheap radio sets will be submitted;

(b) what is the range of price within which cheap radio sets are proposed to be manufactured;

(c) whether there is going to be any foreign collaboration and technical assistance; and

(d) where the manufacturing centre will be located?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Committee had made certain recommendations. In order to expedite the production of cheap Radio sets, a meeting of the radio manufacturers was called on the 26th May, 1960 to discuss the question of production of cheap radio receivers. As a result of discussion in the meeting, it was decided that:—

- (a) a production of 50,000 to 60,000 cheap radio sets should be aimed at in one year.
- (b) every manufacturer would produce at least up to 10 per cent. of his production in cheap radio receivers within the existing foreign exchange allocation.
- (c) for every 5 per cent. additional production of cheap radio sets over the 10 per cent. the manufacturer will be given 5 per

cent. additional foreign exchange for import of components and raw materials, subject to a maximum production of 20 per cent. sets over and above the production of 10 per cent. as in (b) above.

- (d) the manufacturers should make an all-out attempt to put cheap radio receivers in the market by 1st December, 1960, and
- (e) It was agreed that the sale price of the cheap radio receivers should be Rs. 25 including all taxes except total State Sales Tax.

No special foreign collaboration and technical assistance is necessary for the manufacture of cheap radio sets as the manufacturers are already producing radios.

Rayon Pulp Factory in Kerala

- *160. { Shri A. M. Tariq:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:
 Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1677 on the 25th April, 1960 and state the progress since made regarding setting up of a Rayon Pulp Factory in Kerala?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The firm has made the following progress towards establishment of the new undertaking in Kerala for the manufacture of Rayon Grade Pulp;

- (1) Orders for the purchase of major items of equipment have been placed.
- (2) The possession of the land at Mavoor Village, Kozhikoda District has been taken for the factory. The work for clearing and levelling of the site has already been started.

- (3) Negotiations regarding the purchase of power from the Kerala State Electricity Board have been completed.
- (4) An agreement has been concluded with the Government of Kerala for the supply of required quantity of Bamboo.

Razor Blades Manufacturing Units

*161. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of razor blades manufacturing units in India and their production capacity;

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to stop further increase in the manufacturing units of razor blades; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhaj Shah): (a) There are 5 units with an annual production capacity of 629 million Nos. razor blades.

(b) and (c). The exact demand for razor blades has not yet been assessed, but according to a rough estimate it is about 1,000 million Nos. per annum. There is, therefore, scope for new units. In view of this, two more schemes in the large scale sector with a total production capacity of 132 million Nos. per annum have recently been approved.

रेडियो उत्पादन के प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र

*१६२. **डा० राम सुभग सिंह:** क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पोरबैंड ने हमारे देश में रेडियो उत्पादन व प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र खोलने का प्रस्ताव किया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो ये केन्द्र कब और कहाँ खोले जायेंगे; और

(ग) इन केन्द्रों को खोलने पर कितना खर्च होगा ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) से (ग). रेडियों के पुर्जा के आयात रूपांतरण करने के लिये एन संस्था स्थापित करने के प्रश्न पर पोलिश प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बातचीत चल रही है। यह संस्था भारत और पोलैंड के मध्य होने वाले प्रशिक्षण और आर्थिक सहयोग के कार्यक्रम का एक हिस्सा होगी। बातचीत का कोई अन्तिम निष्कर्ष निकलने की संभावना की भेज पर इसके बारे में एन विवरण प्रस्तुत कर दिया जायेगा।

Export of Indian Textiles

243. **Shri Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1682 on the 25th April, 1960 and state:

(a) the salient features of the recommendations contained in the report submitted by Prof. Maria May, a West German Fashion Expert in regard to the promotion of the export of Indian Textiles to the Federal Republic of Germany;

(b) the measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the expenditure the Government of India incurred on her tour of the country during her stay here?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) A statement is laid on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29.]

(b) The various recommendations are under examination.

(c) No expenditure was incurred by the Government of India except contingencies.

Export of Sewing Machines

244. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total number of