

workers of the factories in Ludhiana regarding the reopening of the factories which have been closed and for the improvement of their working and living conditions?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Has the Government considered the proposal to give a licence in the public sector, to the Small Scale Industries Corporation, for the import of yarn instead of to the spinners?

Shri Kanungo: There is no use building up the capacity when the raw material is not available.

श्री प्रकाश बीर शास्त्री : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि होजरी कारखाने अपनी उत्पादन क्षमता बढ़ा सकें, इस दिशा में भी सरकार कुछ प्रयत्नशील है ?

Shri Kanungo: I have replied to it, namely, as the raw material is in shortage, we do not like the capacity to be increased because the present capacity cannot be fed.

Shri Tyagi: Is there any chance of exporting hosiery to outside countries and, if so, may I know whether it is a fact that the import of wool would not matter then? Import could be had on condition that the finished commodity is exported.

Shri Kanungo: That is always investigated. But so far, the export has been very little.

Press Interviews with Dalai Lama

*244. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that journalists are not allowed to interview the Dalai Lama or other important Tibetans except through official interpreters; and

(b) what is the procedure which has to be followed before an interview can be arranged with the Dalai Lama and the other Tibetans?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Any person including journalists desirous of interviewing the Dalai Lama may seek an appointment with him. The Dalai Lama alone decides whether to grant or refuse the request. During interviews the Dalai Lama uses an interpreter, as his knowledge of languages other than Tibetan is not adequate enough to conduct interviews without the interpreter.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the request for interviews with the Dalai Lama can be made direct to him or whether it has to be made through some other channel?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: It is done through the Dalai Lama's Secretary.

Shri Ansar Harvani: Is the Government aware that certain American papers have published certain faked interviews with the Dalai Lama?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not know, Sir. It might have been done; I do not know.

Mr. Speaker: If all are allowed to talk to him, what is the objection?

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is not a fact that the Dalai Lama is insisting on isolation and, if so, whether this isolation is due to spiritual reasons or political reasons? He does not want to give interviews.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know whether he is insisting on isolation or what the reasons may be.

Shri Hem Barua: He has refused interviews.

Shri Punnoose: When the Dalai Lama wants to give an interview, do the Government give him an interpreter or does he have his own interpreter?

Mr. Speaker: Is the interpreter that the Dalai Lama uses the Government interpreter or his own?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Both, Sir. I mean to say, either. The Government have an interpreter. Indeed to deal with him we have an interpreter there, a competent person. He is a Tibetan himself in Government service; and the Dalai Lama has his own personal interpreter. Sometimes one is used and sometimes the other.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if at any time any journalist has been prevented from meeting the Dalai Lama, Indian or foreign journalist?

Mr. Speaker: By the Government?

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Yes.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Not that I know of. Right at the beginning, that is, over a year ago, when he had just come, there were some limitations. Of course, there were special circumstances, but then, I am not aware of anyone being prevented.

Manufacture of Intermediate Dyes and Chemicals

*245. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1023 on the 22nd March, 1960 and state the progress since made in connection with the setting up of a project for the manufacture of basic chemicals and intermediates in collaboration with a consortium of West German firms?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The agreement with the consortium of West German firms for the setting up of a project for the manufacture of basic chemicals and intermediates is expected to be signed shortly.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know the nature of the participation that is under consideration? Is it only the technical knowhow or will it imply money?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is about ten to fifteen per cent. money participation—it is really the free share for the engineering services, the technical knowhow, etc.,—in all the payments due to the West German consultants.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know whether the geological and zoological surveys that were needed for the plant for the manufacture of glandular products and the various other products have been completed, and whether the people will get really the full data about it?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is a slight misunderstanding in the mind of the lady Member. This is not the plant which requires either a geological or a zoological survey. This is a plant purely for organic chemical intermediates. The other one is the Russian project for the manufacture of glandular products. As far as this plant is concerned, all the formalities, technical and financial, have been completed. Only the legal document has to be finalised, and that has also been finalised and initialled by the Government of India this year and we have sent it to Germany. Very soon the agreement will be signed. The location also has been determined; it is near Panvel, in the Kulaba district of Maharashtra State.

Shri Damani: May I know whether any parties approached the Government for showing their willingness to start such factories and, if so, may I know the name of the parties with their foreign collaborators?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as this project is concerned, it is a public sector project being established by the Government of India. There have been so many proposals for the manufacture of organic intermediates in the private sector, and every time, on merits, whenever a dye-stuff or plastic or pharmaceutical firm came forward for the manufacture of the organic intermediates, we have freely allowed a licence.