

in this House that I did not feel satisfied with the reduction of 10 per cent announced by the Millowners' Federation. They have recently announced other reductions. I must say that we are still studying it. In fact, their proposals are fairly complicated, and I would like to study them further before expressing any opinion.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अभी शास्त्री जी ने कहा कि दस फीसदी घटेगी। उस के बाद बाजार में अगर देखें तो खादी के कपड़े के दाम बढ़ गये हैं और गरीबों को कपड़ा खरीदना मुश्किल हो गया है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार कोई जबर्दस्त कदम उठायेगी कि कपड़े और खादी की कीमत घटे ?

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : जहाँ तक दस फीसदी घटाने की बात है वह तो घटी ही है। अलबत्ता मेरे कहने के बाद यह ऐलान उन्होंने किया है कि वह उस को और घटायेंगे और उन्होंने अलग अलग कपड़ों की क्वालिटी के हिसाब से दाम घटायें हैं। मैं ने यह कहा और मैं खैर इसको स्वीकार नहीं करता हूँ कि उस के बाद पिछले पाँच, छह दिन के अन्दर दाम बढ़े हैं लेकिन मैं ने यह कहा कि जो उन्होंने अब ऐलान किया है उस पर मैं अपनी राय अभी जाहिर करने के लिये तैयार नहीं हूँ जब तक कि मैं उसे पूरी तरह से देख न लूँ क्योंकि मुझे इतमीनान होना चाहिए कि जो उन्होंने घटाया है वह दरअसल १० फीसदी से ज्यादा है।

Trade Agreement with Indonesia

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

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal for the renewal of trade agreement with Indonesia as

the same has expired on the 30th June, 1960; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The question of revision of the Trade Agreement has been taken up with the Indonesian Government and is being actively pursued.

Shri Pangarkar: Is it a fact that Indian trade with Indonesia declined during 1959; if so, what is the reason?

Shri Satish Chandra: There was a sudden decline in 1957. As far as 1959 is concerned, the trade was more than in the previous year.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

State Trading Corporation

*492. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what is the criterion for selection of Commodities for trading adopted by the State Trading Corporation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): A commodity is selected for trading by the State Trading Corporation when it is considered that such trading by a large organisation on a bulk basis as for promotional purposes is advantageous, e.g., better foreign exchange earnings in respect of exports and stabilisation of internal prices and/or assured supplies of essential raw materials to actual users.

Transistor Radio Sets

*501. { **Shri Supakar:**
Shri P. K. Deo:

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

(a) whether it is proposed to manufacture transistor radio sets in our country from next year;