

काश्मीर में जो सिल्क इंडस्ट्री है, वह सिर्फ बड़ी इंडस्ट्री नहीं है, बल्कि ग्रसल में एक काटेज इंडस्ट्री है। छोटे छोटे लोग अपने घरों में कीड़े पालते हैं और ग्राहिस्ता ग्राहिस्ता सिल्क तैयार करते हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वहाँ सिल्क इंडस्ट्री को डेवलप करने के लिये सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से क्या इन्तजाम किया जा रहा है और देहात में छोटे-छोटे लोगों को क्या इमदाद दी जा रही है।

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و سلک انڈسٹری میں وہ صرف بڑی انڈسٹری ہے بلکہ اصل میں ایک کٹیمج انڈسٹری ہے۔ چھوٹے چھوٹے لوگ اپنے گھروں میں کھڑے پالتے ہیں اور آہستہ آہستہ سلک تیار کرتے ہیں۔ میں یہ جانتا چاہتا ہوں کہ وہاں سلک انڈسٹری کو ڈیولپ کرنے کے لئے سلنٹرل گورنمنٹ کی طرف سے کیا انتظام کیا جا رہا ہے اور دیہات میں چھوٹے چھوٹے لوگوں کو کیا امداد دی جا رہی ہے۔]

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** अगर माननीय सदस्य को इस बारे में इन्टरेस्ट हो, तो मैं सारी स्कीमज उनको पहुंचा सकता हूँ। बहुत काफी स्कीमज हैं। थोड़े दिन पहले बल्ली साहब से मेरी बात-चीत हुई थी। हम तीसरी पंच-वर्षीय योजना में इस तरफ काफी तबज्जह देने वाले हैं कि सिल्क इंडस्ट्री की और इमदाद होगी और उसकी बड़ी तरक्की होगी।

**Shri Hem Barua:** Sir, when information is sought in the House, it is sought from the Government. I want to know whether a Member—in this case, the hon. Member belongs to the Government the Congress Party—has the right to give a reply on behalf of the Government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members need not take this very seriously. Shri Shankaraiya comes from Mysore. I thought he would ask some question

about Mysore. Obviously he thought that merely because Kashmir is a hilly region, there must be some transport difficulties.

**Shri Shankaraiya:** I am a member of the Silk Board and this point was considered there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Tariq comes from Kashmir. He says there is no difficulty. (*Interruption*). Order, order. It is not as if what the Government can answer any hon. Member can answer. There are rules, and hon. Members will read the rules again. One Member can put a question to the Member who is in charge of the subject. Not that Shri Tariq is in charge of this portfolio! Shri Tariq does not complain. I did not ask him to get up. He got up and put the question, and also said that there is no transport difficulty there. There is no harm in that. I do not want to make this House too serious. At the same time, there ought to be always a limit and it must be adhered to. I also desire to see that Members do not depart from the limits that I have set. I would also like to say this: hon. Members must feel that if they miss the Question Hour they miss something great; also, if they miss the other proceedings of the House, they lose something. They ought not to put themselves in a position of looking into the newspapers as to what occurred in their own House here. Therefore I want to attract hon. Members to make them sit here from morning till evening and occasionally I allow such things. If Shri Hem Barua can give some information about Asam I will allow him also!

#### Monazite Deposits in Kerala

\*1366. **Shri Kodiyam:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to assess the quantity of monazite deposits available in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The reserves of monazite in the areas so far surveyed on the southern and south-western coasts of India between Kanyakumari and Trikunnappuzha are estimated at 1.4 million tons. Investigations in the remaining areas of this coastal tract are in progress. The final results can only be known after the investigations involving detailed sampling of sands and laboratory work are completed.

**Shri Kodiyan:** May I know now much of monazite deposits in Kerala is being used annually for industrial operation and what is the amount of royalty given to the Kerala Government?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** I would require notice for that. That does not arise out of this question.

**Shri Kodiyan:** May I know whether there is any proposal at present to expand the mineral sands industry at Chavara near Quilon in order to process the monazite?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** Investigations are being carried on. They are in progress in many coastal areas. When all this information is gathered, then certainly decisions will be taken.

**Shri Achar:** May I know whether, apart from the investigations in Kerala, there is any investigation going on in South and North Kanara districts also?

**Mr. Speaker:** This question relates to Kerala.

**Shri Achar:** Those districts are very adjacent to Kerala. He said 'coastal areas'—the south-western areas.

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** I will find out and let the hon. Member know.

**Mr. Speaker:** He need not embarrass the Parliamentary Secretary. He will deal with the files from time to time. He has not prepared for that question to be answered now.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if our needs of monazite are met by whatever we get from Kerala or do we import some monazite from other countries?

**Mr. Speaker:** This question relates to surveys.

**Shri Kunhan:** How long will it take to finalise the investigations in Kerala?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has any target been fixed?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** There is no target. Some geologists are at present engaged in the investigations and they are being carried on in coastal tracts. I cannot name the date when these investigations would be finalised.

#### Credit Facilities to Exporters

\*1367. **Shri Osman Ali Khan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the six-man Committee appointed by Government for examining long-term credit to exporters has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision on the report; and

(c) the nature of the decision?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) to (c). The report of the study group on credit facilities for exports has been received only last week and is being examined.

**Shri Osman Ali Khan:** May I know whether the scheme under contemplation is restricted to certain items of export or whether it applies generally to all the items and, if so, what are those items?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** This Group has studied a lot of commodities. This report, as I have said, has been received only last week. They examined the volume of credit that is available, to the exporters, the terms on which it is available in respect of various commodities, etc. The report may be placed on the Table of the