

तो हम उसको भी कंसिडर करेंगे। वहां से दरखास्त आई है और एक दरखास्त कानपुर के लिए हमारे पास मौजूद भी है और हम उस पर विचार कर रहे हैं।

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Since U.P. has been brought up here, I would like to mention that there is a small watch factory in West Bengal in Nabadwip. Has it received any Central assistance?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I would not like to go into every State. As a matter of fact the Benga' factory is only for the time pieces and clocks and not for watches.

**Shri Tangamani:** It is said here that the assembling of the first batch of about 15,000 watches will be completed by the end of March, 1962. In view of the high quality of these, I would like to know whether more will be assembled after March, 1962, also, till the new construction is completed in November?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That is right. This year we are going to quadruple the production and ultimately it will go to 400,000 per year.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether clocks are being manufactured in this factory?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir. The House will be glad to know that we are self-sufficient in clocks and time pieces. We actually export clocks.

**Dr. M. S. Aney:** May I know whether in all these factories located in various parts of India only wrist watches are manufactured and not pocket watches? If so, why?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The pocket watches and stop watches will also being included in the programme. The demand being very small, it has not been found economical. But the HMT programme will include stop watches and pocket watches.

#### Consumers' Association

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\*13. { **Shri Agadi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1378 on the 6th December, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Seminar held by the Consumers' Association of India, have been considered; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration, as the full report on the Seminar is not yet received.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether the Government propose to take any action to arrest the rising prices of consumer goods?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** That question is constantly under the consideration of the Government and is being discussed all the time in the Department of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Planning Commission. All suitable steps are taken from time to time to check the inflationary tendencies.

#### Wage Board for Tea Industry

\*14. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Wage Board for Tea Industry has submitted any interim report;

(b) if so, what are their main recommendations;

(c) whether one of their main recommendations is for an interim wage increase; and

(d) if so, whether the same has been given effect to?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) to (c) A Copy of the Board's recommendation for grant of interim relief to workers in tea estates of Assam and West Bengal is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure 3.] Copies of a similar recommendation in respect of South India were placed on the Table on the 7th December, 1961.

(d). The recommendations are under examination.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know the date from which interim relief is proposed to be given in Assam and West Bengal?

**Shri Abid Ali:** 1st December, 1961.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** What is the estimated monthly expenditure to be incurred by the tea industry in Assam and West Bengal as a result of the enforcement of this?

**Shri Abid Ali:** That has not been calculated by us.

**Shri Tyagi:** Why have the different tea estates of the valley of Dehra Dun been left out?

**Shri Abid Ali:** The workers representatives are there. Perhaps this has not been included by either recommendations made by the wage board for the eastern part of the country or in the southern part. This question has not cropped up so far.

**Shri Tyagi:** As far as I know about Dehra Dun, the question was considered but they have not taken any decision yet. That was my information. I want to know whether they have been excluded from the purview of this Commission?

**Shri Abid Ali:** I think they are not specifically included in those recommendations.

**Shri Tyagi:** Why not?

**Shri Abid Ali:** That can be taken up separately.

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know whether the small tea gardens have been excluded from their purview?

**Shri Abid Ali:** Tea gardens situated in these regions are included.

**Mr. Speaker:** They may be big or small.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Is it a fact that when this wage board was making its recommendations the industry also had written to them that certain taxes and duties have to be reconsidered before the recommendations could be considered by the industry? Has the wage board taken this into consideration? Have they gone into this question at all?

**Shri Abid Ali:** This particular board need not take these matters into consideration but if the industry desires to request the Government, they are at liberty to do so. However I may inform the House that with regard to the rubber plantations in the south they have mentioned in the recommendations that Government should consider increasing the price.

#### Film on the Life of Mahatma Gandhi

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\*15. { **Shri P. G. Deb:**  
      **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any facility to a foreign film producer to produce a film in India on the life of Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). Government are not aware that any foreign producer is making a film in India on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Messrs Red Lion Films of England are, however, producing a film 'entitled "A Day of Darkness"