

Glass Industry

*381. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether India makes any export of glass products;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government for encouraging their export; and

(c) what steps have been taken for the expansion of glass industry?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. India's annual export of glass and glassware average about Rs. 25 lakhs;

(b) Yes, Sir. An Export Promotion Council is being set up by the Government to stimulate the export trade, among other things, in glass and glassware and ceramics and refractories.

(c) No major expansion of the glass industry is envisaged during the Second Plan period. The industry has a large surplus capacity and efforts are being made to utilise this for manufacturing new items and products of better quality. Efforts are also being made to diversify production as to cope up with all our requirements.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether the export increased last year in relation to the year before that?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir. It increased by Rs. 3.2 lakhs.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know the value of the glass products that were exported last year?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It was Rs. 25.7 lakhs in 1954-55 and Rs. 28.98 lakhs in 1955-56.

Shri Damani: What is the quantity of glass products that we are importing?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The imports were Rs. 169 lakhs last year.

Mr. Speaker: These are published every year.

Shri Damani:are the Government trying to manufacture those things which we are importing?

Mr. Speaker: Each question consisting of two or three parts.

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have already answered. Rs. 169 lakhs.

Shri Heda: Have the Government investigated the prospects of exporting glass sheets and if so, how do they feel about it?

Shri Manubhai Shah: In my answer it has already been covered that various types of glass like safety glass, glass blocks, and glass sheets have a great potentiality for export. Exports are steadily rising and we hope to increase the exports continuously.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I have any information as to what happened to the Sodepur Glass Works which the Japanese have taken over, when it is likely to go into full production and what will be the total production?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That does not arise out of the question. However, I may say for the information of the hon. Member that the particular factory is about to start. Details have been finalised with the Japanese. Almost 40 per cent. of our sheet glass production in this country is the capacity of this factory.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know whether there is a proposal with the Government of India to start a gas plant at Firozabad and if so, what progress has been made?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Gas plant?

Shri Braj Raj Singh: For the development of bangle industry.

Shri Manubhai Shah: Assistance for the bangle industry is being given by the Small-scale and Cottage Industries Board, on a wide scale. There is no centralised plan for that. However, we want to generate gas in small units so that the glass may be melted for making bangles in the cottage and Small-scale sector.

Shri Tangamani: May I know if steps are being taken for reopening the glass factories which are closed, particularly the one at Mettupalayam?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I answered this question last week here stating that as far as possible we try to reopen those factories which have good machinery and which have potentiality of producing things at economic rates. There have been more than five or six glass factories closed, but infantile mortality in industry cannot be altogether ruled out. These are very old factories neither fit for reopening, nor are they profitable or beneficial to the country.

Training of Indian Scientists

*382. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian Scientists are receiving training in the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes or in the operation of Atomic reactor in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number and names of the countries in which they are being trained;

(c) the schemes under which they are being trained; and

(d) the period of their training?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See appendix III, annexure No. 2.]

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether any of these countries mentioned in the statement have granted any scholarship to the trainees who are in those countries?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: As the hon. Member will see, most of these trainees have gone to Canada. This is in terms of the agreement arrived at with the Canadian Government for what is called the Canada-India reactor which is being constructed at

Trombay. All these people have gone there, and I believe the terms are that the Canadian Government pays for them, their training etc., and the Government of India pays their salaries.

So far as the others are concerned, in the case of three persons who have gone to the United States for technical training in the construction and operation of research reactors, it is paid for by the Technical Co-operation Administration, not by the Government of India. So far as the trainees who have gone to Harwell in the U.K. are concerned, the Government of India pays for it.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the Government contemplates to send some persons for training in the U.S.S.R. in future, and if that Government has offered assistance in this matter?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: When necessity arises, we shall certainly send people there for training, but these are in connection with the reactors we are building up, and that is necessarily associated chiefly with Canada.

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