

Shri Jaipal Singh: Dr. Elwin is now an Indian. My question is, is the special officer who is otherwise designated as the Special Commissioner for the Scheduled Castes in any way associated with what is happening with the programme in NEFA, either enriching the NEFA administration or he being enriched by the NEFA administration?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Inevitably he is associated. I could not give details. As a matter of fact, the Chief representative, No. 2 there, is a tribal gentleman who represents him there and works with the tribes and they have got institutions, schools etc. So, they must come into intimate contact.

Export of Indian Diesel Engines and Power Driven Pumps

*748. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build any export markets for Indian diesel engines and power-driven pumps; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 112]

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the production of power-driven pumps is enough to meet our requirements at an economic price?

Shri Satish Chandra: Production of certain types is more than the requirements in the country and there is export also

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is the reply to the later part of my question? Whether the power-driven pumps are available at economic prices to the cultivator?

Shri Satish Chandra: I could not catch the last words. To the cultivator?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is it meant for them?

Shri Ranga: Is the price within the reach of the peasant?

Shri Satish Chandra: The prices are quite competitive with the foreign pumps.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is the price of a pumping set?

Shri Satish Chandra: The pumping sets vary enormously in sizes. One may be driven by a 3 h.p. engine and another by a 40 h.p. engine.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: He can give an idea.

Mr. Speaker: For both?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: He says that the prices vary with the different types. What is the price of 3 hp set and what is the price of 5 hp set?

Shri Satish Chandra: We are at present concerned with exports only.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Unless and until it is available in the country to meet the requirements of the people, what is the use of exporting it?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): For export also it is manufactured inside the country. It is not that we are stunting the country and exporting outside. It is necessary at times also to send our goods outside even with some difficulty. Moreover, it helps us to send our commodities outside and to make them better here

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I wanted the price of any one of the pumps.

Shri Morarji Desai: If a separate question is tabled, all prices will be given.

Shri Kaaliwal: I believe there is an export promotion council for light engineering goods. May I know what steps it has taken for increasing exports of these engines to the countries in South-East Asia?

Shri Satish Chandra: The Export Promotion Council has studied this matter in great detail. It sent a questionnaire to our commercial representatives in 24 countries in Asia and Africa and has collected a lot of material on the basis of which it has come to certain conclusions. Those are being further studied in consultation with the development council and the manufacturers.

Shri Ranga: Are there any imports of the diesel engines and power-driven pumps also?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): When my hon colleague said about pumps, he referred to only some varieties. We are importing pumps to the value of about Rs 2 crores and diesel engines to the value of about eight crores a year.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh rose—

Mr. Speaker: I am coming to him, he tabled the question, he will be given an opportunity at the end

Shri Anthony Pillai: May I know if the Government is considering the banning of exports so that the prices for the domestic consumer may come down?

Shri Manubhai Shah: May I elaborate it a little? These are really in the nature of token exports. The total value of export last year of diesel engines was of the order of Rs 2,77,000 and the export of pumps was estimated to cost about Rs 1,24,000. We are really creating consumer preference, particularly in the Middle-East and African countries for our goods and it does not cut across local requirements or the needs of imports of such things.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Minister just now stated that the Government was importing pump sets costing about Rs. 2 crores annually as it is not selling at an economic price. It is given in the statement that eleven show rooms are going to be opened in different capitals of foreign countries. How is this consistent with the statement given in reply to question No. 742 regarding the economy measures?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is going away from one question to another.

Shri Manubhai Shah: I will explain, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I do not allow him to explain, we are just going far away from the main question.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is a simple question. It is not available here.

Mr. Speaker: It does not arise out of this question.

Educated Unemployed

*749. **Pandit D N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the training of educated unemployed in basic crafts to other States than Kerala and West Bengal, and

(b) if so the names of the States where it is proposed to be extended?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the reference is to Work and Orientation Centres. In addition to Kerala and West Bengal, a third Centre has been sanctioned for Delhi also. These Centres are experimental in character. Extension to other States will depend on the results achieved in these projects.