

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know how many villages are taken for this enquiry?

Shri Abid Ali: About 3600.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know the type of enquiry that is being made, whether it is the same as has been done in the first enquiry or a new one and if so, the type of enquiry?

Shri Abid Ali: Size, composition, earning strength, wages, employment, under-employment, un-employment, family income, expenditure, indebtedness of agricultural labour, etc. will be the scope of enquiry.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I ...

Mr. Speaker: I thought the question has been answered.

Shri B. S. Murthy: The National Sample Survey has been conducting an enquiry into the living conditions of agricultural labour. I wanted to know whether this enquiry which the Labour Ministry has initiated is of the same type or a different one

Shri Abid Ali: I have mentioned the items which are under survey.

Shri Thimmalah: May I know whether these villages have been selected in each State and on what basis these villages are selected?

Shri Abid Ali: It is left to the party to select. Of course, the survey is conducted all over the country.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: How long will it take for the committee to complete the work?

Shri Abid Ali: By the end of September, the survey will be completed. Thereafter, tabulation will take some time. Then, there will be drafting of the report. All this will be completed by March-April, next year.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether this Committee will go into the question of the proportion of the national income which agricultural labour is getting and whether this has been increasing so far as agricultural

labour is concerned from year to year as per capita income?

Shri Abid Ali: The items to be undertaken by the survey have been mentioned.

Small Scale Industries

*1634. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in marketing scheme instituted on the recommendations of Dr. Lincoln Clark through mobile van;

(b) the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure incurred so far on this scheme; and

(c) the total turn over and profit and loss on this scheme since its inception? z

The Minister of Industry (**Shri Manubhai Shah**): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 22.]

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the Government propose to proceed further with the scheme? What is their proposal for expansion of the scheme during the Second Plan and at what cost?

Shri Manubhai Shah: For the present, it is a pilot scheme. Only twelve vans are working in the country. Recently we have re-oriented the scheme, not so much as a commercial scheme, but as a development scheme. As we go along, if we find that the results are profitable, we propose to expand it.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: It is apparent from the statement that goods worth about Rs. 73,000 were sold in 1956-57 at a loss of Rs. 1,67,000. Goods produced by small-scale industries worth crores of rupees are being sold. May I know why investigation cannot be conducted in respect of goods which are already being sold without this luxurious agency?

Shri Manubhai Shah: If the hon. Member will bear with me, as I have

said in my previous answer, this is more a development, propaganda and publicity scheme and not at all a commercial scheme. That was the original intention of Dr. Lincoln who recommended the scheme. Our experience has shown that there is a great potentiality for dissemination, marketing survey and bringing of the small man to the focus of the areas where the consumption capacity is big. What is indicated as loss in the statement in normal terminology should have been called developmental expenditure. I can assure the hon. Member that the turn-over in some cases has been found to be profitable. In some cases, the loss has not been more than 10 per cent. of the turn-over.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I want to know why this investigation cannot be held in respect of the goods which are already being sold to the extent of crores of rupees. Why is it necessary to employ this agency to carry on investigation. If you read the statement, you will find that investigation is being carried on in respect of 8 industries which are well established in the market. They are selling goods worth crores of rupees. Why can't investigation be conducted in respect of goods which are being sold? Why this luxurious agency?

Shri Manubhai Shah: According to the requirements of the country, what is being sold is a fraction of what should have been sold by the well established industries. It is in this field that the small-scale sector has to expand considerably. Regarding new lines, unless we test the new schemes in the well established lines where consumer preference exists, it will be hazardous to go into new lines. For the reference of the House, I would re-read the industries which have been given in the statement: Ready-made garments, Quality Marked Scissors, Khurja Pottery, Builders Hardware, Footwear, Paints and Varnishes, Domestic Utensils. These very industries, the House will appreciate, are the ones in which there is tremendous scope for expansion of the small-scale sector. That is why we

want to propagate in the various rural regions both for expansion as well as for utilisation.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I want to put another question.

Mr. Speaker: A number of questions have been allowed.

All India Sericulture Training Institute, Channapatna (Mysore)

*1635. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 845 on the 5th August, 1957 and state the steps taken so far for the establishment of an All India Training Institute for Sericulture at Channapatna (Mysore)?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): The estimate for the scheme is under consideration. It has been decided to set up the Institute at Channapatna in Mysore and the Mysore Government have been requested to provide 15 acres of land.

Shri Siddiah: May I know whether the original estimate was revised and if so, why? How long will it take to complete the construction of the Institute?

Shri Kanungo: It had to be revised because the prices of raw materials had gone up. Provided the Mysore Government makes the land available and provides other facilities it is expected that the construction will take not more than a year.

Shri Siddiah: May I know how many graduates and matriculates will be admitted to this institution for training and whether hostel accommodation is provided for all the trainees there?

Shri Kanungo: Trainees will be of both types, graduates and non-graduates, and the number, to start with, will be round about 40. Most of them will be State Government employees.

Shri Siddiah: He has not answered the second part of the question.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a proposal to have a hostel?