

Governments put up the houses, unless we give the aid to any industry in which case the employers construct the industrial housing tenements.

KOSA (TESAR) INDUSTRY

*935. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to develop the Kosa (Tesar) industry of Chattisgarh in Madhya Pradesh as a handloom industry; and

(b) what amount Government have sanctioned to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to improve the designs and to standardise the silk produced by the Kosa (Tesar) industry in Chattisgarh of Madhya Pradesh?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A grant of Rs. 5,000 has been given to the State Government by the Central Silk Board for establishing three centres at Bhandara, Champa and Jagdalpur to spin and reel Tasar Silk.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Have the Silk Board got the figures of the annual output of Tasar silk in Madhya Pradesh?

Shri Karmarkar: I understand that it is about 140,000 lbs.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Is there any representative of Madhya Pradesh on the Silk Board?

Shri Karmarkar: We do not take representatives by region. I am not able to say if there is anyone on the Board who is a resident of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Do they take representatives industry-wise?

Shri Karmarkar: In this case, silk industry-wise.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री ने जो अभी कहा कि इस प्रान्त के लिये केन्द्रीय

सरकार ने पांच हजार रुपया मंजूर किया है यह ठीक है ?

श्री कर्मरकर : जी हां, ठीक है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : तो क्या इन सम्बन्ध में मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को कुछ लिखा था ? और उन के बावजूद भी क्या सरकार यह समझती है कि यह जो छोटी सी रकम इस काम के लिये दी गई है, उस से काम चल जायेगा ?

श्री कर्मरकर : जिस स्कीम के लिये यह रकम मंजूर की गई है उस पर खर्च ज्यादा आता है, उस में से पांच हजार का कंट्रिब्यूशन हमारा है ।

श्री जांगडे : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि भारत सरकार ने कोई ऐसा प्रयत्न किया है या कोई ऐसा प्रयत्न करने वाली है कि जिस से टसर के उत्पादन की शक्ति और गुण की शक्ति बढ़ जाये ?

श्री कर्मरकर : जी हां, यह जो काम चल रहा है वह सब टसर के बारे में ही चल रहा है ।

Shri Jangde: I meant research.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; I am going to the next question.

कपड़ा मिलों में बन्द पड़े करघे

*९३६. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सूती कपड़े की मिलों में २,०४,००० करघे हैं जिन में से १७,००० बन्द पड़े हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन के बन्द पड़े रहने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस बात का प्रबन्ध करने के लिये कार्यवाही करेगी कि ये करघे जल्दी ही फिर चलने लगे ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The total number of looms installed in the cotton textile mills is 197,700 out of which 15,700 are said to be not in use.

(b) 3,200 looms, being old and worn out, are permanently idle; 12,500 looms are idle due to closure of the mills owing to uneconomic conditions, wear and tear of the machinery etc.

(c) In view of the circumstances explained in reply to part (b), Government cannot take any steps to re-start all the looms. To the extent the looms are idle, larger supplies of yarn can be made available to the handloom industry.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इनमें यू० पी० में जो आइडल लूम्स हैं, क्या मैं उन की तदाद जान सकता हूँ ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have got a lot of figures. But, I have not got the break-up State-wise.

Shri K. K. Basu: May we know what is the number of looms that have been sealed on account of restrictions on the production of dhoties and sarees, and if there is such a figure, what is the number of such looms in West Bengal?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid the assumption of the hon. Member is wrong. No looms have been sealed.

Shri Morarka: Where the looms are worn out, may I know whether permission is being given to replace them?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am not sure if any application has come for replacing the 32,000 looms which are worn out. In regard to the other looms which are idle, they are idle

because the mills concerned have closed down.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I ask the total number of handlooms that are lying idle in the country?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is not only more than what I can say, but more than anybody can say.

CAPITAL GOODS (IMPORT)

***937. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on import of capital goods in 1953-54; and

(b) how this compares with the import of capital goods in previous years?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 82.]

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: What is the value of capital goods imported from America and what is the value of capital goods imported from the Sterling area?

Shri Karmarkar: I am sorry I have not got the break-up at the moment.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether we are importing any capital goods from Japan?

Shri Karmarkar: I think so. But, as regards the exact extent, I could not give any figure.

CENTRAL HANDLOOM MARKETING ORGANISATION

***938. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expansion in the external marketing of handloom cloth has taken place as a result of the setting up of the Central Handloom Marketing Organisation; and

(b) the total cost, recurring and non-recurring, incurred so far in respect of that Organisation?