

the machineries that are to be manufactured?

Shri Hathi: This is one of the terms of reference of the Committee and the Committee was asked to find out what other machineries could be manufactured or utilised. This also will be under consideration.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know whether the Government propose to introduce in the near future some method by which the autonomy of the various project authorities in the matter of purchases are controlled and regulated?

Shri Hathi: That really does not fall within the purview of this question, but I may say that it is being separately considered.

WORLD BANK LOAN FOR D.V.C.

*1850. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the total amount of World Bank loan secured up-to-date for the D. V. C.?

(b) What are the terms of this loan regarding interest and repayment?

(c) How much of this loan has already been spent?

(d) What amount has been spent on this project up-to-date and what is the share of each participating Government?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri-Hathi): (a) Two loans totalling 29 million dollars have been obtained for the D.V.C.

(b) Copies of the 1st and 2nd loan agreements with the World Bank were laid on the Table of the House, in reply to part (b) of starred question No. 470 by Shri B. K. Das on August, 10, 1950, and in reply to part (b) of starred question No. 975 by Shrimati Renu Chakravarty on 25th March, 1953.

(c) The total amount withdrawn upto 25th March, 1954 from the 1st loan is \$14,603,157.92. No amount has been withdrawn from the second loan as yet.

(d) Rs. 59,19,65,165. The share of each participating Govt. is as below:

Centre... ..16,50,95,165.

West Bengal... ..29,93,64,000.

Bihar... ..12,75,06,000.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: From the statement, it appears that the rate of interest agreed upon is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum. May I know why this high rate of interest has been agreed upon?

Shri Hathi: The rate of interest was based on the market rate prevailing at that particular time.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: At what rate did Government take loans in this country?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps it is a question for the Finance Minister to answer.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: How many times did the representative of the World Bank visit the Damodar valley?

Shri Hathi: I cannot give the exact number of times that he visited. He visited before the negotiation for the loan was started, and also subsequently.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: इंटरेस्ट की रेट क्या है ?

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What is this half a per cent. which has to be added.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order Shri H. N. Mukerjee.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Is it a fact that one of the loans given by the World Bank made it a condition precedent that the Bokaro Thermal Plant should be constructed earlier than the original order of priority warranted it?

Shri Hathi: In fact, the first loan was under negotiation, when it was found practical that the Bokaro Thermal Plant should start earlier, and therefore it was done.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether any fresh loan is expected from the World Bank for any other river valley project?

Shri Hathi: So far as I know, certain negotiations are being carried on for the Koyna Project.

HANDLOOM CLOTH MARKETING EMPORIA

***1851. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where Central Handloom Cloth Marketing Emporia have been opened or are proposed to be opened;

(b) what is the basis on which location of these has been decided; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start any more emporia of this nature during this year?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Emporia will be opened at Singapore, Colombo, Bangkok, Rangoon, Chittagong, Karachi and Aden.

(b) These are considered to be appropriate centres for our handloom cloth markets.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the total investment on these emporia?

Shri Karmarkar: The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 3.5 lakhs Government will contribute Rs. 2.87 lakhs, while the rest will be contributed by the Madras Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, which is collaborating with us.

Shri S. N. Das: What will be the form of management of these emporia?

Shri Karmarkar: We have proposed to appoint four Handloom Cloth Marketing Officers at Singapore, Rangoon, Colombo and Baghdad respectively, to act as liaison between Indian exporters and the overseas importers of handloom cloth, and also to open sales emporia at the places I have mentioned.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What is the assessment of Government, regarding the contribution made by these emporia in pushing up the sale of handloom cloth?

Shri Karmarkar: Assessment of the contribution of the emporia? Their

whole function will be to push up the sale of handloom cloth.

Shri M. D. Ramasami: May I know whether mobile emporia are proposed to be used for advertisement purposes?

Shri Karmarkar: These are stationary emporia.

TOILET SOAP

***1852. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any restriction has been imposed on import of toilet soap;

(b) the import figures of toilet soap for 1952-53, and 1953-54; and

(c) the quantity manufactured in the country?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 31.]

(c) About 14,000 tons.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know what is the consumption in the country, and whether the whole of it is being met from indigenous production?

Shri Karmarkar: The consumption has varied, but our normal requirements are produced—about 14,000 to 15,000 tons. During 1951, we produced 15,000 tons, in 1952 we produced 13,800 tons and in 1953 (January to November) 11,900 tons. That is the position.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: How many foreign manufacturers of toilet soaps are working in India and what quantity do they produce?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice—there is at least one of them.

Shri Meghnad Saha: What is the installed capacity of toilet soap manufacture in the country?

Shri Karmarkar: I have not got the figure. But the installed capacity is