

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to rehabilitate the industry?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b). While the quantities of export of all kinds of lac has been well maintained, there was a severe fall in the prices of shellac during the years 1952 and 1953. The prices have since improved.

**ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह :** क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि कितनी फैक्टरीज़ चपड़े के काम में लगी हुई थीं ?

**श्री करमरकर :** उनकी संख्या मेरे पास अभी मौजूद नहीं हैं ।

**ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कितनी पूंजी और मजदूर उसमें लगे हुए हैं ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I could say, it is about ten thousand, but that is off-hand.

**ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कितने प्रान्तों में इसकी व्यवस्था चल रही है ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Principally, I should think, in Bihar.

**ठाकुर युगल किशोर सिंह :** पूरे व्यवसाय के किस रेशियो में बिहार में यह उद्योग चलाया जा रहा है ?

**श्री करमरकर :** उसके लिये नोटिस चाहिये ।

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know whether shellac is exported to U.S.A., and if so, whether the export is affected very much by the present prices?

**Shri Karmarkar:** At the moment I have not got separate figures for U.S.A. as such.

**Shri Sadhan Gupta:** Which are the countries which have reduced most their imports of Indian shellac?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have got figures in general for exports, but I have not got the country-wise break-up with me.

**Shri Sadhan Gupta:** May I know whether any attempt has been made to see that exports of shellac can be made to countries to which they have not hitherto been exported, particularly countries outside the Anglo-American bloc?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There have been some measures suggested like the fixation of minimum and maximum prices of shellac, banning of speculation, fixation of export quota of seed-lac, banning of export of sticklac, quality control etc. But these matters are under consideration.

**Babu Ramnarayan Singh:** Is it a fact that formerly we Indians had a monopoly in the world in the shellac industry, but now the same has been disturbed? If so, what are the causes?

**Shri Karmarkar:** That complaint was also made. One of the complaints was that there was monopoly and much of speculation.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** May I know whether the foreigners enjoy a monopoly in the export trade of shellac, and they are responsible for the downfall of this industry in our country?

**Shri Karmarkar:** That complaint has also been made.

**श्री गणपति राम :** क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि मिरजापुर का चपड़ा व्यापार बहुत अवनत दशा में है, उसको उठाने के लिये सरकार की तरफ से क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I knew of carpets from Mirzapur. I have not yet heard of shellac from there. But I shall find out.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECT IN MYSORE

\*1417. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether Government have received any report regarding extent of

work done and money spent on the Community Project of Sorab-Shikarpur in Mysore State?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** Yes.

#### CO-OPERATIVES IN TRIPURA

\*1418, **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state how many co-operatives have been organised by the people under the Community Project area of Nutanhavelli and old Agartala in Tripura till now?

(b) How many of them have been registered?

(c) Have Government given any loan to those co-operatives?

(d) Did those co-operatives approach the Community Project officers to get work on contractual basis?

(e) If so, what steps have been taken so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (e). Information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### RADIO STATION AT KURNOOL

\*1419, **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Government have requested Government to take steps for the opening of a broadcasting station at Kurnool, the capital of Andhra State; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this request?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is being considered.

**Shri Raghuramalah:** May I know the capacity of this proposed station?

**Dr. Keskar:** The Andhra Government have proposed that there should be a station at Kurnool, and their suggestion is being considered.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### TRADE WITH NEW ZEALAND

\*1392, **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export trade with New Zealand was considerably reduced during 1952 and 1953; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The answer to this question depends on what year is chosen for comparison. Our exports to New Zealand were exceptionally high in 1951 and therefore by comparison with that year exports were much less in 1952 and 1953. However, compared to 1950, the favourable balance of trade has been fairly well maintained in 1952 and 1953.

(b) The re-imposition of import trade controls by New Zealand in 1952 and the disappearance of the Korean War boom were mainly responsible for the decline in exports.

##### DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES OF RESEARCH BY UNIVERSITIES

\*1396, **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether the Research Programme Committee set up by the Planning Commission has invited from Universities and other institutions schemes of research on economic development, which have direct bearing on planning?

(b) If so, what are the replies received so far?

(c) Have those replies been scrutinized by the Committee?

(d) If so, what are the results?

**The Minister of Planning and Irrigation and Power (Shri Nanda):** (a) to (d). The Research Programmes