

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a representation from Sewing Machine Industries Association, Ludhiana, has been received. Information on some of the points urged in the representation is awaited from the Government of Punjab.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know whether any attempt is being made to manufacture these parts in India at all?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. There are two very efficient units manufacturing very good machines

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether, in the complaint that has been received from the Ludhiana Association of the Singer Sewing machines, there is any allegation that so far, licences have been given to various individuals but have been denied to associations and actual consumers, and whether there is any truth in that allegation?

Shri Karmarkar: I am not aware of the exact statement made by the hon. Member.

INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

*418. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 901 on the 8th December, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have since come to any decision regarding the constitution of the Industrial Management Service:

(b) if so, the proposed strength of the service and the method of its recruitment; and

(c) if not, by what time Government propose to finalise the matter?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) No

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government and an early decision on the constitution of the Industrial Management Service is expected to be taken.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Is this question not given top priority?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Due priority has been given to this matter.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the basis on which the Managing Directors or the Directors of the different enterprises which are being run by the Production Ministry are chosen?

Shri K. C. Reddy: On the basis of suitability, competence, etc.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether there is any industrial management cadre or pool out of which officers are drawn for the special undertakings that are being run in the country?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The whole question relates to that. Government are considering the desirability of establishing the cadre and they are giving very close attention to this very important problem. The question has been discussed at various levels and I may add, for the information of the hon. Member that a very early decision is very likely.

TITANIUM DIOXIDE INDUSTRY

*419. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government have any scheme for nationalising or expanding the Titanium Dioxide Industry?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): No, Sir.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Is the Government aware that this industry has much scope for expansion and being the only one of the four industries in the world the country demands its expansion?

Shri Kanungo: In fact, internal consumption of this is rather limited and the particular unit can survive only if there is a good export demand.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Is the hon. Minister aware that the Titanium Dioxide produced in our factory satisfies all the internal demands and we are sending abroad also?

Shri Kanungo: That is exactly what I said. It is progressing because it has been able to secure some export demands.