

Shin Toyo Clock Factory

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*1285. { **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:**
Shri Achar:
Shri B. Das Gupta:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese Shin Toyo Clock Factory is exporting to India a plant capable of manufacturing 5,000 clocks a month;

(b) if so, who is importing it; and

(c) whether the factory is going to be in the public or private sector?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir, for time pieces and alarm pieces and not for wall clocks.

(b) and (c). M/s. Jayna Time Industries (Private) Ltd., Delhi.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if any assessment has been made as to the annual requirement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There has been no real assessment but we believe that about half a million or one million time-pieces could be consumed if they were indigenously produced.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if this factory will also manufacture watches? What would be the foreign exchange requirement for setting up this factory?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will only manufacture time-pieces and alarm clocks and not watches.... (Interruptions.)

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members should not be found standing in the passage for so long a time.

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will manufacture time pieces and alarm clocks and not watches. The foreign exchange involved will be about Rs. 7-8 lakhs.

Shri B. Das Gupta: May I know whether any other foreign concern, especially Swiss concern, approached the Government of India for establishing a watch factory?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There has been a proposal from a Swiss manufacturer for time-pieces and alarm clocks but not specifically for the watches. Apart from this, three more factories have been approved for the manufacture of time pieces and alarm clocks.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether this plant which is being exported is a plant for the manufacture of whole clocks or only movement parts?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I explained it is not for clocks at all. The word 'clock' is rather a misnomer. It is not a wall-clock but a time-piece or an alarm clock. The time-pieces and alarm clocks are going to be manufactured by this plant. There is going to be only technical collaboration and the plant is being supplied by the Japanese company along with technical know-how.

Shri Damani: May I know when this factory will start production?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Maybe, another eighteen months.

Shri Palaniyandy: May I know whether the Government proposes to have a watch factory in the public sector or the private sector and whether they have any statistics of our requirements?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This matter has been thoroughly debated upon, and in my speech when I intervened in the debate on the Demands for Grants relating to my Ministry I had said that the agreement has already been concluded with the Japanese Citizen Watch Company for the public sector factory and that it would make about 3½ lakhs to 4 lakhs wrist watches. Similarly, a private sector industry has also been approved. Two

more proposals for wrist watch factories are under consideration. I may add for the information of the House that we are also issuing new schemes now for medium scale and small scale manufacture of watches, time-pieces and wall clocks so that a number of people in the medium and small scale sectors could manufacture these items.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether enquiries have been made as to the performance of the clocks which this plant can manufacture, the quality of the clock and its price— I mean the alarm clocks?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will be too early to say what would be the price. The collaborator is one of the most renowned international collaborator in time-pieces and alarm clocks.

Shri Yadav Narain Jadhav: May I know whether all these parts will be manufactured or some spare parts will be imported?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As a matter of fact, even otherwise, before this factory was being established, the policy was not to allow movements, everything was to be manufactured here excepting hair-springs, shock absorbers and certain other highly specialised items which would not be more than 10 per cent. of a wall clock or a timepiece.

Shri Shivnanjappa: May I know whether this will form part of the proposed watch factory at Bangalore?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir; this is a private sector factory. I would again like to submit for the consideration of the House that these are quite distinctly different types of units; one for alarm time-piece and the other for wrist watch.

Manufacture of Cameras and Binoculars

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 *1289. { Shri R. C. Majhi:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 250 on the 19th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether further discussions have been held in Japan with the Japanese firms for the establishment of factories for manufacturing cameras and binoculars; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The matter is still under discussion.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know how long it will take to come to a final decision?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Well, Sir, one of the cameras which they submitted to us for examination was not approved by us, and we have asked for a higher grade camera, which would be one of the best comparable cameras in the world. We expect the proposal very soon.

Shri C. D. Pande: Generally, cameras and binoculars from Germany are well known and they are famous all the world over. Therefore, will the Government take to German cameras rather than Japanese cameras?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is a matter of opinion. We are always trying to collaborate with all those countries of the world wherever proposals are available and the collaborating party is willing. So efforts will certainly be made even with German collaborators if they are willing to join us.

Shri Aurebindo Ghosal: We have seen in so many exhibitions Defence departments manufacturing binoculars. What is the utility of inviting this company to manufacture binoculars here? The Defence Department