

of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 41].

(b) The value of radio receiver sets exported in the first eight months of 1959-60 was Rs. 37,252 as against Rs. 22,001 during the corresponding period of 1958-59. The value of telephone equipment exported during 1959-60 (upto 16th of February 1960) was Rs. 47,000 as against Rs. 21,000 during 1958-59.

Shri Pangarkar: May I know whether any new markets have been found for the export of radio sets and telephone apparatus during 1959?

Shri Satish Chandra: Gradually, we are trying to find new markets and book orders. The hon. Member will see from the figures I have just now given that the quantum of export is very small. We are trying to send samples, and small orders are being booked.

Shri Pangarkar: May I know whether India has become self-sufficient in the manufacture of radio sets and radio spare-parts? If not, when is she expected to be self-sufficient?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): For the last two or three years, there is a total ban on the import of any radios, including radio receivers or components excepting those components which are part of the phased programme.

Export of Manganese Ore

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 *719 { **Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi:**
Shri Bhanja Deo:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:
Shri Arjun Singh
Bhadauria:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 892 on the 15th December, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Commodity Credit Corporation has been persuaded to buy the 42 per cent. manganese ore and ferro-manganese from India; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The transaction in regard to 42 per cent. Manganese ore has not been agreed to. The proposal now stipulates the export of Indian ferro-manganese and manganese ore to be converted abroad into ferro-manganese. Details are being worked out.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: May I know to what extent Government have been able to find export markets for this low-grade manganese ore when the Commodity Credit Corporation has not accepted this specification?

Shri Satish Chandra: At the present moment, when the demand even for high-grade manganese ore is low, it is not possible to find a market for the low-grade manganese ore except for small quantities which may be blended with high-grade manganese for supply of medium-grade manganese ore.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: May I know whether it is a fact that the Commodity Credit Corporation did not agree to the purchase of low-grade manganese ore because they can get ferro-manganese at a lower price in India?

Shri Satish Chandra: The price that we have negotiated for the supply of ferro-manganese is very satisfactory.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : जहाँ तक मध्य प्रदेश का सम्बन्ध है, क्या वहाँ पर फ़ैरो-मैंगनीज धोर की फ़ैक्टिरियां बनाने के लिए कोई साइसेंस की मांग आई है और अगर आई है, तो क्या वहाँ पर कोई फ़ैक्टरी बनाई जाने वाली है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : फ़ैरो-मैंगनीज धोर नहीं होता, यह मैन्यूफ़ैक्चर्ड प्राडक्ट है, जो कि मैंगनीज धोर से बनाया जाता है। इस के लिये कुछ फ़ैक्टरीज पहले से थीं, और नई लगी हैं। एक दो धमी उत्पादन में जाने वाली हैं। फ़ैरो-मैंगनीज का

हमारा जितना भी उत्पादन होगा, वह सब करीब-करीब ३१ मार्च, १९६१ तक इस कटेक्ट में कवर हो गया है।

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : मध्य प्रदेश में कोई फ़ैक्ट्रियां हैं या नहीं ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : एक फ़ैक्ट्री नागपुर के पास है।

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : नागपुर मध्य प्रदेश में नहीं है।

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : नए मध्य प्रदेश में कोई फ़ैक्ट्री नहीं है।

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister need not answer if the hon. Members go on sitting and putting questions. It is wrong. Any hon. Member who wants to put a question must get up in his seat, look at me and put a question if I call his name. This kind of conversation across the benches is not allowed.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that India is losing her position as a traditional exporter of manganese ore to U.S.A. may I know what steps Government have so far taken to recapture the market or to find alternative markets for the manganese ore?

Shri Satish Chandra: The answer that I have given indicates that we are switching over to the export of ferro-manganese which is a better proposition than the export of manganese ore.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: To what extent the link agreements with the various countries have helped in promoting the export of manganese ore?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The question is not clear.

Shri Satish Chandra: The import of the question is not clear.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: I wanted to know to what extent the link

agreements with different countries have helped in expanding the promotion of export of manganese ore from India.

Shri Satish Chandra: The export of manganese ore is now looking up; and we hope that the exports during 1960 will be on a much larger scale than in 1959. As far as the exports to countries having linked rupee payment arrangements is concerned, contracts have been entered into for the supply of manganese ore to two of them.

Import of Printing Machines

*720. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any textile mills have approached Government for permission to import printing machines;

(b) whether Government have examined their applications; and

(c) the total number of such applications received?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The applications are being examined.

(c) 115.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: When the demand for our printed cloth is great in other countries, what is the reason for restricting the proportion by which our export can be increased because our grey cloth is being printed in foreign countries and re-exported?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This particular industry has a very large section of hand-printing industry which is also equally popular for export. If the mechanised printing is introduced at a fast rate the hand-printing industry might be put out and find it very difficult to compete. Therefore, we are keeping a balanced policy by putting a curb on the mechanised industry on the one hand, while, at the