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Tuesday, April 12, 1960/Chaitra 23,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Export of Shoes

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- *1423. { Shri Ram Krishan
Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri Dinesh Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 372 on the 27th November, 1959 and state the result of efforts made by the National Small Industries Corporation and the State Trading Corporation to find out other buyers for selling the surplus shoes?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): Efforts are still being made to dispose of these surplus shoes.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the names of the countries in which efforts are being made for the sale of these shoes?

Shri Kanungo: We have tried in the East European countries and failed. We are trying in the South-East Asian countries, West Asian countries and Africa.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: What is the total quantity of shoes still surplus?

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Shri Kanungo: It will be of the value of Rs. 10 lakhs.

श्री पद्म देव: मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस समय विदेशों से जूते इम्पोर्ट भी किये जाते हैं या उस पर कतई बन् लगा हुआ है।

श्री कानूंगो: नहीं, इम्पोर्ट नहीं होता है।

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether efforts were made to persuade Soviet Russia to buy these surplus shoes? If so, were they unsuccessful? if that is the case, what are the reasons for this failure on the part of Government to persuade them to buy these shoes?

Shri Kanungo: It is because the USSR specifications did not match the shoes in stock.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Next question. This is coming up again and again.

Export of Engineering Goods

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- *1424. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether export of Engineering goods to Burma has improved as a result of specific steps taken during the last few months;

(b) if so, the position at present;

(c) to which other countries these Engineering goods are exported;

(d) whether any complaint as regards the quality of goods has been received; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

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

(b) Exports to Burma since August 1959 have shown some improvement.

(c) The exports in 1959 were to as many as 98 countries, but mainly to countries in South East Asia, West Asia and Africa.

(d) and (e). A few complaints against the products of individual exporters were received by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics. Some of them have already been disposed of and a few others are reported to be still under investigation.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know which of the items entered in the protocol of the 1956 agreement with Burma are in great demand now?

Shri Kanungo: I could not say that. But the question is about engineering products. They have shown up.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how long this agreement will continue? Is there any chance of its being renewed?

Shri Kanungo: The agreement will continue until it is revoked by either party.

Shri Ram Krishna Gupta: It was just stated that complaints have been received against some manufacturers of these goods. What action has been taken against these manufacturers?

Shri Kanungo: These are very few. The dispute was not about the quality of manufacture but about trading terms. Out of a total turnover of more than Rs. 6 crores, the complaints received were not more than 5 or 6. Out of these, 3 or 4 have been settled and the rest are under investigation

Co-axial and Telephone Cables

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*1425. { **Shri R. C. Majhi:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether the principal raw material for production of Co-axial Cables and Telephone Cables are all available at present in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to meet these from indigenous sources?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The principal raw materials used in the manufacture of telephone and co-axial cables are given below:—

Telephone Cables:

1. Copper Wire;
2. Insulating Paper & Paper strings;
3. Antimonial Lead;
4. Steel Tape;
5. Bitumen;
6. Hessian;
7. Timber; and
8. Whitewash.

Co-axial Cables:

1. Special silver free centre conductor;
2. Copper Wire and Tape;
3. Polythene Washers and Granules;
4. Insulating Paper and Paper strings;
5. Antioxidant & Colouring Master Batch;
6. Antimonial Lead;
7. Steel Tape;
8. Bitumen;
9. Hessian;