

of the stainless steel utensil manufacturing industry. However, it is difficult to say to what extent export of ore would resuscitate the Manganese mining industry as it is not yet certain how much of manganese ore will be exported. But to the extent it is exported, it should help the industry.

**Khadi and Village Industries Board,
Orissa**

*780. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several lakhs of rupees have been misappropriated in the sales and production centres of the Khadi and Village Industries Board, Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) It has been reported that misappropriations (inclusive of shortages) amounting to Rs. 2,88,722.18 nP. have been detected.

(b) The State Board has been taking action both departmental and through Courts of Law to deal with the persons concerned. A sum of Rs. 5,540 79 nP. has been recovered so far from some of the individuals responsible.

Powerloom Enquiry Committee

*788. { **Shri Jedhe:**
 { **Shri M. L. Jadhav:**
 { **Shri Lonikar:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the 'Powerloom Enquiry Committee' under the chairmanship of Shri Ashoka Mehta is expected to submit its report;

(b) whether the Committee has already submitted any interim report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) By June, 1964.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Tea Export to Switzerland

*789. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swiss Government have recently abolished all customs duties on tea and if so, the steps being taken to step up exports of Indian tea to that country; and

(b) the quantity of Indian tea exported to that country during 1962 and 1963 and how far it is likely to be increased during 1964 with the recent concessions granted by the Swiss Government?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. The Tea Board has started a pilot campaign to promote Indian tea in Switzerland through sampling at the consumer level.

(b) Direct exports of tea from India to Switzerland were as shown below:—

1962	..	305,000 kilograms
1963	..	29,000 kilograms

(January-November).

The share of Indian tea imported by Switzerland from India, the U.K. and other sources on the Continent in the total imports of tea into that country, however, registered an increase from 24% in 1962 to 30% in 1963.

About the prospects of exports during 1964, it is too early to make an estimation.

Three-wheeler Vehicle Industry

*791. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to expand the three-wheeler vehicle industry in the country;

(b) whether there is only one factory at present;