

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been finalised and when the factory will be commissioned?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposals received from two firms for the supply of necessary plant and equipment for the scheme are under consideration of Hindustan Salts Ltd., who work the Sambhar Lake Salt Source. The scheme will be finalised shortly.

Loans to Tea Gardens

2404. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans taken by the Marginal Tea Gardens under the Central Government Scheme for the repairs and replacements of tea machinery in Cachar, Tripura, Kangra and Mandi separately for each area;

(b) the interest at which it was given; and

(c) the conditions for the advancement of the loan?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A sum of Rs. 37,254/- has been advanced by the Tea Board, under its scheme of financial assistance, to a marginal tea garden in Cachar for repairs, replacements, renovation of tea machinery as well as construction of tea factory. No loan has yet been taken by any of the marginal tea gardens in Tripura, Kangra and Mandi.

(b) and (c). The broad details of the scheme are as follows:

(i) The scheme is applicable to marginal tea gardens upto 300 acres;

(ii) The amount of loan to individual gardens shall not exceed a maximum limit of Rs. 70,000/-;

(iii) The loan shall be covered by one surety or personal security of the approved borrower or an annual guarantee from banks or approved brokers or approved agents; and

(iv) The loan shall carry an interest of 4½% per annum and will be repayable in 10 equal instalments commencing from the 2nd anniversary of the date on which the repairs and or replacements of the machinery or construction of the factory as the case may be.

Gazetted Officers in Textile Commissioner's Office

2405. Shri Niranjan Lal: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing the number of Gazetted Officers in the Office of the Textile Commissioner and the number of Gazetted Officers belonging to Schedule-I Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each category and also the number of Scheduled Caste Officers confirmed so far?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

Designation & Class	Total strength as on 1-1-1963	Number of Scheduled Castes	Number of Scheduled Tribe	No. of Scheduled Caste/Tribe confirmed.
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Class I</i>				
Textile Commissioner	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Industrial Adviser	1	"	"	"

1	2	3	4	5
Adviser (Cotton)	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Director	7	"	"	"
Inspecting Officer	1	"	"	"
Deputy Director	20	1	"	"
Principal	2	Nil	"	"
Senior Lecturer in Textile Chemistry	1	"	"	"
Assistant Director (Grade I)	30	"	"	"
Exhibition Officer	1	"	"	"
<i>Class II</i>				
Assistant Director (Grade	23	"	"	"
Research Officer	1	"	"	"
Accounts Officer	1	"	"	"
Expert Designer	1	"	"	"

पंजाब के लघु उद्योग

२४०६. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऊनी धागे की कमी के कारण पंजाब के छोटे उद्योगों को बड़ी कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस कमी को दूर करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) और (ख). इस समय ऊनी वस्त्र उद्योग प्रतिरक्षा संबंधी ऊनी वस्तुओं की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने में लगा दिया गया है और सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न कारखानों को दिये गये ग्रांडरों के अनुसार ही उन्हें ऊनी धागे का संभरण किया जाता

है। पंजाब के शक्तिचालित छोटे कर्घों वाले जो कारखाने प्रतिरक्षा कार्यों के लिये स्वीकार किये जाने योग्य जो नमूने प्रस्तुत कर सके हैं उन्हें उस प्रकार का माल तैयार करने के लिये ४ लाख मीटर के ग्रांडर दिये जा चुके हैं तथा कच्चा माल देने की व्यवस्था भी कर दी गई है। संभव है कि कुछ कारखानों को जितने ऊनी धागे की आवश्यकता हो उतना धागा न मिल सका हूँ। यदि शक्तिचालित करके वाले कारखाने अन्य जिन किस्मों के माल की आवश्यकता होती है उसके स्वीकार किये जाने योग्य नमूने भी प्रस्तुत कर सकेंगे तो उन्हें वह माल संभरण करने के लिये ग्रांडर देने तथा उन ग्रांडरों को कार्यान्वित करके के लिये धागा आवंटित करने के प्रश्न पर भी विचार किया जा सकेगा।

Trade Delegation to Japan

2407. { Shri P. C. Boroach:
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:

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

(a) whether an official trade delegation is proposed to be sent to