

(a) whether Government have received preliminary report of the Asoka Mehta Committee on Powerloom Industry; and

(b) whether Government have received representations for removal of excise duty on powerlooms?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

**All India Printers' Conference**

1212. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Buta Singh:**  
**Shri Narasimha Reddy:**

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh All India Printers' Conference has urged Government to allot adequate foreign exchange for import of printing and allied machinery until such time the indigenous industry to manufacture printing machinery is developed; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The general cut of 50 per cent applied in the last import licensing period to Established Importers licences for printing machinery has been restored in the current import licensing period and the quota for this item has been allowed at 12½ per cent. In addition, a provision has been made for cash licensing of printing machinery to newspaper establishments and quality printers. Provision also exists for grant of licences for this item to other Actual Users, including Small Scale Industries, Government Departments, etc., for imports from rupee payment countries. Imports of printing machinery have thus been provided to the extent possible.

**राज्य व्यापार निगम**

१२१३. { **श्री कछवाय :**  
**श्री विश्वाम प्रसाद :**  
**श्री बजर्राज सिंह :**

क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राज्य व्यापार निगम, दिल्ली से जो इलेक्ट्रालिटिक कापर वायर बार्स बेचे जाते हैं वह कम वजन के होते हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस प्रकार की कोई शिकायत शासन को मिली है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो शासन ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह): (क) और (ख). जी नहीं। नियत भागियों को कम वजन का माल मिलने की कुछ सूचनायें मिली थीं। परन्तु यह कमी या तो माल को लाने ले जाने में हो जाती है अथवा अन्य कारणों से। इस बारे में पार्टियों जो दावे करती हैं उनका निपटारा व्यापारी संविदा की शर्तों के आधार पर कर दिया जाता है पत्रों में इस आशय के कुछ समाचार प्रकाशित हुए हैं परन्तु इनकी भली प्रकार जांच कर ली गई और वे निराधार पाये गये हैं।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

**Steel and Iron Industries**

1214. **Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey party has been appointed to study the favourable places to start steel and iron industries on large scale;

(b) if so, the findings of that party in respect of Sondur area in Bellary district, Mysore State; and

(c) in how many places the steel industry is being located?