

(iv) In order to cope with the problem of lack of testing facilities, a proposal for providing additional testing facilities at the Extension Centre, Jamnagar is under examination.

Industries in Gujarat

7914. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Central Government during 1966-67 to the Gujarat Government for the establishment of industries; and

(b) the amount spent by the State Government during the above period?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Cloth by S.T.C.

7915. Shri Molahu Prasad:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Atam Das:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:
Dr. Surya Prakash Puri:
Shri Mahant Digvijai Nath:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation is buying cloth from mills at higher prices and selling it at subsidised rates to Hungary, U.S.S.R., and other East European countries;

(b) if so, the volume of sales and of the subsidy;

(c) whether the importing countries are re-exporting the goods to West

Europe by underselling Indian exporters; and

(d) if so, the property or reason for the State Trading Corporation's buying dear and selling at subsidised rates and undercutting our own exporters?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (d). In the interest of retaining, in the U.S.S.R., Hungary and other East European markets, the position gained by Indian textiles after years of sustained promotion, the S.T.C. undertook to export printed dress material and bleached sheeting, handkerchiefs, and towels valued at about Rs. 55.30 lakhs to U.S.S.R. and grey sheeting valued at about Rs. 3352 lakhs to Hungary even though it suffered a loss of 10½ per cent of f.o.b. realisation and 13 per cent on CIF realisation in respect of the exports to U.S.S.R. and Hungary respectively. It was part of S.T.C.'s endeavour to promote the country's exports, to find new markets for the country's products and to maintain difficult but potential markets.

(c) Government's attention has been drawn to some reports of re-sale of Indian grey cloth to Western Europe and the matter is being looked into. No concrete evidence has been produced so far.

Employment in Jamalpur Workshop

7916. Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Molahu Prasad:
Shri Shiv Charan Lal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the declining employment in Jamalpur Workshop (Eastern Railway) during the last 20 years and the distress this is causing in the area around Jamalpur; and

(b) if so, the schemes prepared to start new work/productive activities in the Jamalpur workshop in order to maintain and raise the level of employment?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) On this subject, there was a question in the Lok Sabha vide unstarred question No. 2035 replied to on 9th June, 1967. On verification, Government found that there was no decline in employment in the workshop.

(b) This does not arise. However, as stated in reply to that question, new lines of production like manufacture of diesel and steam cranes, hydraulic jacks, electro-mechanical lifting hoists, petrol tank wagons, components of BOX wagons etc. are already under execution in Jamalpur.

Decontrol of Cotton

7917. **Shri Molahu Prasad:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports in the "Economic Times", July 4, 1967 about the partial decontrol of cotton;

(b) if so the details of the proposal;

(c) the steps taken to see that the growers are not denied higher prices for cotton which is not purchased to feed controlled varieties of cloth; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to see that the middlemen's margins are reduced?

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

(b) to (d). The entire question of control over cotton is under Government's consideration and a decision is likely to be reached shortly. The details would be announced thereafter.

Constitution of Indian Steel Service

7918. **Shri G. S. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an Indian Steel Service;

(b) the stage at which the proposal stands; and

(c) the important features of the proposed service?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

ताड़ गुड़ तथा शक्कर

7919. **श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान ताड़ गुड़ विशेषज्ञ द्वारा दिये गये इस सुझाव की ओर दिलाया गया है कि शक्कर और गुड़ की कमी को ध्यान में रखते हुए ताड़ गुड़ तथा ताड़ शक्कर का उत्पादन बढ़ाया जाना चाहिए ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) ताड़ गुड़ तथा ताड़ शक्कर के उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार इसके लिये कोई अनुदान देने का है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री शफी कुरेशी): (क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) सरकार ताड़ गुड़ उद्योग को विकसित करने के लिये पूरा पूरा प्रयत्न कर रही है ।

(ग) ताड़ गुड़, उद्योग के विकास के लिये खादी तथा ग्रामीणों को प्रयोग विज्ञान, तकनीकी ज्ञान, प्रशिक्षण तथा विपणन सुविधाओं के रूप में सहायता देता है ।