

on its manufacturing activities and had, therefore, to arrange for the distribution of its products through private agencies who had the necessary marketing expertise. It had, however, all along being the Company's endeavour to develop its own marketing and sales organisations with a view to ultimately taking over direct distribution of all its products. The Committee on Public Undertakings (1973-74) in its 55th report on the working of the company had also recommended that the company should consider the feasibility of taking over direct distribution of its products after the expiry of the arrangements then in force till June 1975. As the company was not fully geared to undertake direct supplies immediately, a beginning was made by it with direct supplies of cine films to the Films Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and X-ray films to Government Departments, Defence Services and select hospitals from January 1976. It has also decided to take over direct distribution of all cine products from 1st October, 1977, and the remaining products (namely medical X-ray film, amateur roll films, photographic paper etc.) from 1st July, 1978.

(b) The total commission paid to the distributors during the last three years is as under:—

1974-75	Rs. 1.11 crores
1975-76	Rs. 1.89 crores
1976-77	Rs. 2.27 crores

मझौरा (बिहार) में मोर्टन टाफी कारखाना बन्द होना

4998. श्री लालू प्रसाद : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मझौरा (बिहार) स्थित मोर्टन टाफी कारखाना प्रबन्धकों ने गत एक वर्ष से बन्द किया हुआ है और यदि हां, तो एक हजार मजदूरों को कब तक मुआवजा दे दिया जायेगा ;

(ख) क्या कारखाना कुप्रबन्ध के कारण बन्द हुआ है ;

(ग) क्या उक्त कारखाने का संतुलन पत्र भी प्रस्तुत नहीं किया गया है ; और

(घ) सरकार कारखाने को पुनः खुलवाने के लिये कब तक कार्यवाही करेंगे ?

उद्योग मंत्रो (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडिस) :

(क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

Closure of Shoe Manufacturing Units in Agra

4999. SHRI YADVENDRA DUT:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of house-hold small units manufacturing shoes have closed in Agra, rendering 50,000 people unemployed; and

(b) if so, what steps are Government going to take to get these units opened and thus save 50,000 workers from unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) As a result of Government of India (Department of Revenue & Banking) Notification dated 9th May, 1977 foot-wares manufactured by small units on behalf of big manufacturers affixing big manufacturers' brand names were deemed to have been manufactured by such big manufacturers. Consequently, such small units attracted the excise duty and were adversely affected. However, the figure of 50,000 persons said to have been unemployed is on the very high side.