

(b) Shipping Corporation of India had concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tanzania, *inter-alia* for transportation of Tanzania cattle. SCI was to acquire a second-hand cattle carrier and charter it to the Tanzania side. In the absence of a second-hand cattle carrier in the market, the Shipping Corporation proposed the conversion of tankers *Deshdeep*, which was surplus to its requirements, as a cattle carrier at a cost not exceeding Rs. 1.80 crores. Again this background, the proposal was approved by Government.

हिन्दुस्तान मशीन टूल्स, बंगलौर द्वारा
अंधे व्यक्तियों के लिए बनाई गई ट्राली
घड़ियों का मूल्य

340. श्री मनोहर लाल: क्या उद्योग
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान
मशीन टूल्स बंगलौर द्वारा अंधे व्यक्तियों
के लिए बनाई गई ट्राली घड़ियों का मूल्य
बहुत अधिक है; और,

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार इन
घड़ियों के मूल्य में छूट देने का प्रस्ताव है
ताकि अंधे व्यक्ति उन्हें आसानी से खरीद
सकें ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी
आभा मयती) : (क) और
(ख) : अंधों के लिए एच० एम० टी०
ब्रेल घड़ी का बिक्री मूल्य इन घड़ियों के
उत्पादन के लिए आयात किये गये उपकरणों
व हिस्से-पुर्जों आदि पर आयात शुल्क में
कटौती करके, कम रखा गया है और
एच० एम० टी० द्वारा ये घड़ियां बिना
बाजार व्यय व लाभ के बेची जा रही
हैं।

Buying of six Ships under British
Credit

341. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEH-
TA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING
AND TRANSPORT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation
of India have reservations on the Go-
vernment's decision to buy six ships
under British credit at prices consi-
dered high;

(b) whether Government have ag-
reed to compensate the company in
this regard;

(c) whether never before have the
differences been so high as in the case
of British ship;

(d) whether the Finance Ministry
have worked out a scheme under
which it will provide a subsidy to the
Shipping Corporation; and

(e) whether the British Govern-
ment have taken the view that India
has been very slow in utilising aid
which not only means that old com-
mitments could lapse but also make
it difficult to give India an increasing
amount of aid in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF
SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI
CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The prices quoted for
the British ships are significantly
higher than those prevailing in some
Far Eastern shipyards.

The SCI has been asked to submit
an investment proposal in the usual
manner for Government's approval. It
is proposed to ensure that for the SCI
the financial burden is the same as
in respect of a purchase from a com-
petitive supplier.

(e) The British Government did
express anxiety about under utilisation
of British aid extended to India in the
last 2-3 years and had indicated that