

लद्दाख में सेना को सप्लाई करने के लिए भालुओं की अधिकतम मात्रा स्थानीय तौर पर खरीदी गई। सरकार को इस बात की कोई जानकारी नहीं है कि लेह में को-ऑपरेटिव मार्केटिंग सोसाइटी के पास यदि भालुओं की कोई मात्रा बच गई थी तो उसे कैसे बेचा गया। परन्तु सेना प्राधिकारियों के पास ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं की गई है कि सेना द्वारा न खरीदे जाने के कारण भालुओं का स्थानीय लोगों द्वारा चारे के रूप में इस्तेमाल किया गया। स्थानीय सैनिक प्राधिकारियों को ऐसे अनुदेश पहले ही दिए हुए हैं कि लेह क्षेत्र में सेना की खपत के लिए भालु पहले लेह को-ऑपरेटिव मार्केटिंग सोसाइटी के स्थानीय उत्पादन में से ही लिए जाएं और जितनी मात्रा कम रह जाये केवल उमे ही भारतीय वायुसेना द्वारा चण्डीगढ़ में लेह ले जाया जाय।

Small and Cottage Industries in Ladakh

4013 SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take to encourage small scale and cottage industries in Ladakh like wool tweed, woollen blankets, brassware and making of local ornaments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): Apart from training facilities created by the State Government in Ladakh, the All India Handicrafts Board has started a training scheme for woollen carpets in Leh

Development of Industry in Ladakh

4019. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what steps are proposed to develop industry in Ladakh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): The Government's schemes for the develop-

ment of village and small industries, which are generally set up in the Private and Co-operative sector, are mainly promotional. These include schemes for technical advice, training facilities, financial assistance, supply of raw material etc. An outlay of Rs. 7.64 lakhs has been proposed for the year 1978-79 for the village and small industries sector in the Ladakh region. In order to attract private investment in Ladakh, Ladakh has been declared as an industrially backward area to qualify for concessional finance and the Central Scheme for transport subsidy has also been extended to it.

2. The Government have also been trying to explore the mineral resources of Ladakh as these can contribute to the development of industry in this region. The State Department of Geology and Mining has been carrying out prospecting and exploration surveys for gold, chromite, nickel, cobalt in Drass and Kargil areas in the Ladakh region. The Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited are engaged in extraction and refining of Potash, Borax and Sulphur from the hot springs of the Pugga Valley in Ladakh. The Geological Survey of India has been carrying out survey and mapping operations and also exploration of economic mineral deposits in the region of Ladakh Granite Complex. The activities of the State Department of Geology and Mining and Geological Survey of India are expected to contribute to the development of industry in Ladakh.

Import of Mutton Tallow

4020. SHRI AMARSINH V RATHAWA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that mutton tallow is being used in India in the manufacture of soap;

(b) if so, the details of qualities in which it is being used and the names of the companies and the brand names of soaps in which it is being used;