

**Shrimati Benu Chakravarty:** We do not want that.

**Shri Kanungo:** Obviously, the import duty is 100 to 150 per cent. more. So, we do not have those figures here.

### Coir Research Institute

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{ **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hasda:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Coir Research Institute with a model factory attached to it has since been started in West Bengal;

(b) whether training arrangements for the industry will also be arranged;

(c) when the proposed show-room and sales depot of Coir industry products will be opened in Calcutta; and

(d) the amount spent in the State of West Bengal by the Coir Board since its inception?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir. The scheme has been only just sanctioned.

(b) Yes, Sir; separately in the training-cum-production centres proposed to be started by the State Government.

(c) Towards the end of this year.

(d) The State Government are just starting to take interest in Coir development and are shortly drawing up plans for consideration of the Coir Board.

With your permission Sir, I may also add that provision for coir development in the Second Plan for West Bengal is Rs. 6 lakhs.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know when the decision to open a coir research institute in West Bengal was taken, and why so much delay has been caused?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** This plan was drawn up at the beginning of the year, and the sanction was accorded only last month.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether there is any interim arrangement for the training of workers in Kerala or in Madras?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes, we are arranging in the production-cum-training centres in all the four States for the training of boys for this institute.

**Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:** In view of the coir industry being situated in the West Coast of India, what action do Government propose to take to set up another research institute in the West Coast?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** After going into the experience of these two Institutes, the Coir Board will certainly look into the question of developing such Institutes elsewhere also if necessary.

**Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Are Government aware that the retail selling prices of manufactured coir mattings in the show room maintained by the Coir Board in different places are 25 per cent. higher than the ordinary market rates?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That is not correct. But the prices vary from quality to quality. Some of the high qualities which are very much in demand naturally have higher prices than inferior qualities.

### बर्मा में भारतीय

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