

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement is placed on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 17].

Labourers in Coll Industry

696. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee was appointed to go into the question of conditions of service of labour engaged in Coir Industry;

(b) whether it has submitted any report; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to implement its recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No committee was appointed in recent years

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Indian Textiles to Iraq

697. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of Indian textiles to Iraq have declined and are declining on account of stiff competition from Japan;

(b) if so, to what extent have they declined during the last six months, and

(c) the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken to check fall in the exports?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir. There has been a slight decline in our exports. Japanese exports to Iraq during the same period are known to have registered a small increase.

(b) During June-November, 1958, India exported 1.8 million yards of textile to Iraq as against 2.9 million

yards during the corresponding period of 1957. The decline is to the extent of 1.1 million yards.

(c) The Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council Bombay has established an overseas office at Bagdad. Last year the Council organised an exhibition in Bagdad to give audiovisual publicity to Indian textiles goods in that market. Government of India is also holding another exhibition in March, 1959, in Bagdad.

The textiles industry are concerting measures to produce quality goods at competitive prices

Labour Participation in Management

**698. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 700 on the 8th December, 1958 and state:

(a) the results of the scheme of labour participation in management introduced in factories so far; and

(b) the main features of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) As the scheme is at the initial stages it is too early to judge its results.

(b) The main features of the scheme are contained in the Brochure on Seminar on Labour Management Co-operation, a copy of which was placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on the 22nd April, 1958

Companies in Marathwada

699. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some companies have gone into liquidation during 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 and complaints were lodged against some liquidators of the companies in Marathwada region of Bombay State;