

(b) the names of each commodity for which the licences were issued together with their value;

(c) what commodities the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., have actually imported against those licences and on what basis the same were distributed in the internal market;

(d) what are the licences still in the hands of the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., unutilised;

(e) whether the State Trading Corporation of India, Ltd., passed on any of these licences to the traders or other commercial firms; and

(f) if so, against what consideration?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) to (f). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Films Dealing with Agriculture

**2051. Shri B. N. Kureel:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempts are being made for production of instructional films dealing with agricultural subjects; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). The Films Division has already produced 28 such films and 15 more films are under production. A statement of these films is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 82].

#### All-India Handicrafts Board

**2052. Shri Surya Prasad:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of members of the Scheduled Castes in the different grades, viz. Junior Field Officers, Technical Assistants and Investigators in the All-India Handicrafts Board;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of reserved posts in these grades have remained unfilled for a number of years;

(c) whether the vacancies were advertised in the Press; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) There is no member of the Scheduled Castes employed as Junior Field Officer, Technical Assistant, or Investigator in the All India Handicrafts Board.

(b) No, Sir. These posts were filled in by the candidates other than the Scheduled Castes, due to non-availability of suitable Scheduled Castes candidates from the Employment Agencies.

(c) and (d). The vacancies were not advertised in the Press but the sources mentioned at (b) were addressed. No Scheduled Caste candidates were available through these sources to fill these particular vacancies. Steps will however, be taken to fill up the requisite number of the above mentioned posts in the Board by Scheduled Caste candidates.

#### Draftsmen in C.P.W.D.

**2053. Shri Surya Prasad:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of reserved posts of Draftsmen in the Architects' Section of the C.P.W.D. have remained unfilled for over a year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the minimum qualifications for the posts have been increased considerably; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) to (c). Two posts of Junior Draftsmen and two posts of Senior Draftsmen reserved for candidates of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have remained vacant for over a year, as suitable candidates were not available.

It is true that the minimum qualifications prescribed for the post have recently been raised. It has been found necessary to do so because Draftsmen possessing the previous qualifications were found to be unable to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

#### Printing Press at Sikkim

2054. **Shri P. C. Borooah**: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a modern printing press has been set up at Sikkim;

(b) if so, at what cost;

(c) what assistance was rendered by Government for the setting up of the press;

(d) what is its capacity; and

(e) for what particular uses it is intended to be put?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy)**: (a) Yes. A printing press has been established at Gangtok in Sikkim.

(b) At an estimated cost of about Rs. 19 lakhs.

(c) The press is a Government of India undertaking.

(d) The capacity of the Press, as at present constituted, is about 6,000 pages per annum in one shift.

(e) The press is set up to print material in Tibetan, Nepali, Hindi, Bengali and English in the form of books, posters and charts in multi-colours, information bulletins, periodicals and pamphlets for the people of the sub-Himalayan tract from NEFA to Ladakh.

#### Export Promotion

2055. **Shri P. C. Borooah**: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have had under consideration new incentive schemes for export promotion;

(b) if so, whether the schemes have been finalised and what are their details;

(c) whether these were discussed at the recent Export Promotion Advisory Council meeting; and

(d) what were the comments and observations of the Council thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra)**: (a) and (b). Government have recently issued incentive schemes for (1) Packed sea foods and frog legs, (2) Coir yarn and Coir products and (3) supply of Baling Hoops and Box strappings for packing for export. All these schemes provide for import of certain raw materials required by the industry packing materials etc. at prescribed percentages.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

12.10 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

##### CEMENT SCARCITY IN BIHAR AND ORISSA

**Shri Chintamani Panigrahi (Puri)**: Under Rule 197, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Commerce and Industry to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

The Scarcity of cement in Bihar and Orissa.

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah)**: The statement is rather long. If you permit me, Sir, I would lay the statement on the Table of the House.

**Shri Braj Raj Singh (Firozabad)**: A summary of the statement may be given, because cement is not available in Orissa and Bihar.

**Shri Manubhai Shah**: If I am permitted, I shall read out the statement.

**Mr. Speaker**: How many pages?