

**Export of Handicrafts Goods**

\*1107. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been experienced that Japanese and Italian handicrafts are driving Indian handicraft goods out of many markets on account of better packaging; and

(b) if so, what step have been taken to improve the conditions?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Steps are, however, being taken to improve the packaging of Indian handicrafts meant for export by imparting training in packing techniques, import of tissue paper for packing certain items of handicrafts, etc. etc.

**Indian Textile Market in Middle East**

2207. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is losing her textile market in the Middle East countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the export?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir. There is a declining trend in the exports of Mill-made Cotton Textiles to middle East countries.

(b) The reasons are varied but the decline in exports has been largely due to the import restrictions imposed in these countries to protect the local industry and the severe competition from other exporting countries.

(c) The various export incentive schemes are being continued. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has its own office with headquarters at Baghdad, the jurisdiction of which extends to all the Middle East Markets. This Office has been making concerted efforts to promote

exports of Indian cotton textiles to the individual markets.

**Production of Khadi in Mysore**

2208. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of khadi produced in Mysore State during the year 1959-60;

(b) the number of weavers and spinners in Mysore by the end of 1960; and

(c) the estimated cost of khadi produced during the same period?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) 17.35 lakh square yards.

(b) 41,600 spinners and 5,000 weavers.

(c) Rs. 39.19 lakhs.

**Cottage Industries in Maharashtra**

2209. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the financial help given to Maharashtra for the development of cottage industries during 1960-61 so far; and

(b) the names of industries developed during the same period?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Financial assistance to the various States (including Maharashtra) during 1960-61 for industrial development will be sanctioned only towards the close of the current financial year on the basis of the expenditure actually incurred by the respective State Governments.

(b) The industries developed are:

- (1) Khadi (Traditional and Ambar).
- (2) Village Industries
- (3) Small Scale Industries (including Industrial Estates)
- (4) Sericulture.