

(b) The proposed Committee will deal with such matters in relation to expansion of our exports as require inter-ministerial consultations. Its function will be to expedite the process of taking decisions through personal discussions at a high administrative level. There is no intention to define its powers in precise terms.

#### **Misappropriation of Tripura Sales Emporium Funds**

**2260. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that misappropriation of fund of the Tripura Sales Emporium has been detected recently;

(b) if so, the amount misappropriated and the persons involved in it;

(c) the steps taken against the suspected persons; and

(d) whether any persons have so far been arrested in this connection?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Presumably, the reference in the question is to a Sales Emporium being run by the Tripura Administration. If so, then no case of misappropriation has been detected in any of the Sales Emporia being run by that Administration.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **Export of Engineering Industry Goods**

**2261. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Engineering Export Promotion Council, recently urged the Government to offer incentives to promote export of engineering industry goods;

(b) if so, what incentives were demanded; and

(c) what is Government's decision;

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) The Chairman of the Engineering Export Promotion Council is, in a recent Press Conference, reported to have urged the Government to give more incentives for export.

(b) According to the Press Report, the incentives demanded included the reduction in the price of pig iron and steel, reduction in shipping freights, income tax relief and increase in import entitlement under the Export Promotion Scheme.

(c) Several incentives are already granted to the manufacturers of engineering goods. Government decisions on specific demands made by the Council through formal communications are announced publicly soon after these are arrived at.

#### **Allotment of Land to Colleges in Delhi University**

**2262. Shri C. K. Bhattacharya:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether lands have been allotted to some colleges affiliated to the Delhi University; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these colleges and in what areas are they situated?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply have allotted lands at Delhi to the Dayal Singh College on Lodi Road, P.G.D.A.V. College also on Lodi Road, Shrimati Janki Devi College in Poorvi Marg and Sanatan Dharm College on Ring Road.

#### **Lacquering Plant at Moradabad**

**2263. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a lacquering plant at Moradabad for polishing etc. of brass and copper ware; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). We have not received any proposal to set up a lacquering plant at Moradabad for polishing etc. of brass and copper ware.

#### Kiln for Handmade Pottery

**2264. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a common Kiln for baking hand made pottery at high temperatures to encourage the handicraft industry; and

(b) if so, where and at what cost?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Import of Ivory

**2265. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ivory imported so far, during each of the years since the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the cottage industry; and

(c) whether any arrangements are being made to augment the supply of ivory to the industry in the forthcoming year and, if so, what?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The quantity of Ivory (Unmanufactured) imported during each of the years 1956-57 to 1960-61 (April—November) is as follows:—

Year	Quantity in '000' of lbs.	Value in '000' of Rs.
1956-57 . . . . .	276	4244
1957-58 . . . . .	258	3346
1958-59 . . . . .	88	1494
1959-60 . . . . .	177	3488
1960-61 . . . . . (April—November)	133	2970

(b) It has been reported that the ivory manufacturers had been experiencing shortage of raw ivory.

(c) A special scheme for allowing import of unmanufactured ivory against export of ivory articles is being considered.

#### Raw Materials for Cottage Industry

**2266. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the cottage industry is suffering from shortage of raw materials;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether this shortage can possibly be met indigenously and if so, to what extent?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). There is no shortage of raw material in respect of the Coir, Handloom and Khadi and Village Industries. In regard to handicrafts and Sericulture, some dearth of raw material has been felt. For handicrafts, the shortage is felt in respect of the materials required for Art-metalware, Ivory goods, Zari goods and carpets. The extent of the shortage is being assessed. Most of the shortage has to be met by imports. In the case of Sericulture, the shortage is estimated at 6 to 9 lakh lbs. of raw silk and 1.35 to 2 lakh lbs. of spun silk. The shortage cannot at present be met through indigenous resources.

#### Handicraft Goods

**2267. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many emporia are at present selling out Handicraft goods in the country; and

(b) what was the income from the sale of these goods during the last five years separately?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). As far as Government is aware, about 142