

Setting up of a Single Board for Handloom, Handicrafts and Coir

1042. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Centre for the integration of the Boards for Handlooms, Handicrafts and Coir and to set up a single Board ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ready Made Shirt Industry

1043. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in the ready-made shirt industry, there are a few Companies with brand names like Liberty, Armour and Aristo monopolising the industry ;

(b) if so, the details of the large-scale and small-scale manufacturers of shirts ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to encourage the small manufacturers who produce utility shirts instead of the costly fashion shirts produced by the big companies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (c). There are a number of units in the mills sector as well as in the small scale industries sector which produce readymade shirts with or without 'brand' names. Some 'brands' have become more popular than the others for various reasons, including adoption of better advertising techniques, but they do not monopolize this industry. Incidentally, the units manufacturing readymade shirts under 'brand' names 'Liberty', 'Armour' and 'Aristo' are in the small scale industries sector. Information about the names of the companies,

brand names and size of the production of large scale and small manufacturers is being collected.

Less expensive readymade shirts are also being produced and government is allowing small scale units to import machines directly or through the National Small Industries Corporation. Very small units registered with the Directors of Industries are allowed to import permissible items of sewing machines and other ancillary equipment upto a value of Rs. 8,000 without any export obligation.

Safeguard against Infiltration of Fifth Columnists and Spies in West-Bengal and Bihar

1044. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps which have been taken to safeguard against the infiltration of the fifth columnists and spies from Eastern Border in West Bengal and Bihar ;

(b) whether any arrest and internment has been made so far of such spies and fifth columnists in that area ; and

(c) if so, the number thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIVAS MIRDHA) : (a) Apart from arrangements made for screening the refugees, utmost vigilance is maintained by all concerned agencies of the Government. Legal sanction is also now available for preventive detention.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

सुरतगढ़ राजस्थान में रेडियो स्टेशन की स्थापना

1045. श्री पन्नालाल बाहूपाल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पार्किस्तान के सीमावर्ती गंगा नगर त्रिने की मूरनगढ़ तहसील में एक रेडियो