

**Loans to Small Tea Growers**

274. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give funds to help the small Tea Growers through the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the progress made to finalise that scheme?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b): The Tea Board have already rendered financial assistance to small growers of tea for the setting up of Co-operative tea factories. However, the Board have further addressed the State Governments concerned to draw up Schemes preferably on a co-operative basis for assisting the small growers of tea.

**खादी पर छूट**

२७५. { श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाव :  
श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी के कपड़े पर दी जाने वाली छूट की नीति पर पुनर्विचार किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस का कारण क्या है ?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) :** (क) और (ख). खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग ने सरकार से प्रस्ताव किया है कि खादी की खुदरा बिक्री पर छूट देने की जो वर्तमान प्रणाली है उस के बदले में एक ऐसी प्रणाली अपनाई जानी चाहिये जिस के द्वारा सूत से खादी बुनने का खर्च सरकार द्वारा दिया जाने लगे। इस प्रस्ताव की जांच की जा रही है।

**Cess on Industries**

276. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**  
**Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 129 on the 22nd February, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal to levy a cess on industries failing to export a part of their production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. It has now been implemented as Marketing Development Fund for which Rs. 3.8 crores have been provided for in the current year.

**Cottage Industries in Kerala**

277. **Shri Warior:** Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount advanced for the encouragement of cottage industries in Kerala State during the last three years; and

(b) how much of this was in the form of aid and how much was in the form of loan?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

**Bengal-Nagpur Cotton Mills**

278. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently conducted an enquiry into the affairs of the Bengal-Nagpur Cotton Mills, Rajnandgaon, leading to its closure;

(b) whether the enquiry has since been completed; and