

**Accumulation of Handloom Stocks**

1090. **Shri M. Malaichami:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press report in the "Hindu" dated the 31st December, 1965 that the Madras State Government has to retain the sales-tax at more than one point as the Union Government has not agreed to reimburse their loss at a point beyond the first sale;

(b) if so, whether the levying of the sales-tax at more than one point has resulted in the glut of handloom goods in the foreign markets; and

(c) what steps have been taken to dispose of the accumulated handloom stock in order to avail the industry from stagnation and the workers getting unemployed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):**

(a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The Reserve Bank of India have given additional credit facilities to the Madras State Apex Society for marketing of handloom cloth to the extent of Rs. 100 lakhs against the earlier limit of Rs. 70 lakhs. The Madras Government gave an advance of Rs. 50 lakhs to the Apex Society for increased procurement from the Primary Societies. The State Government also allowed additional rebate on wholesale sales of handloom cloth by the Cooperative societies for a period of 4 months from the 1st June, 1965.

**Madras-Tuticorin B.G. Rail Link**

1091. **Shri M. Malaichami:**  
**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Union Government has been drawn to a press report in the 'Hindu' dated 31-12-1965 that the cargo traffic at Tuticorin would go upto 2.7 million

tons by 1975-76 and that the traffic generated would justify the proposal for a broad gauge railway link from Madras to Tuticorin via Tiruchirappalli and Madurai; and

(b) if so, whether the construction of the broad gauge railway link would be taken up during the Fourth Five Year Plan so that the estimated flow of goods to the Tuticorin port is ensured?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):**

(a) Yes.

(b) Adequate spare capacity is at present available on the metre gauge lines serving Tuticorin Port which could further be augmented by diesel traction and improved signalling. However, the long term rail traffic requirements of the Tuticorin Port as well as of other developments in the region are being evaluated in regard to the commodities, the volume and pace of growth and the characteristics of lead (whether long, medium or short). Depending on the results of these studies the decisions on the best means of providing the requisite additional capacity for the Port as and when required will be taken in time to allow for the physical construction period of new facilities.

**Engineering Industries in Bombay**

1092. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Supply and Technical Development be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to supply zinc and other scarce raw materials for Kamanis' Group of Engineering Industries in Bombay to prevent lay-off of thousands of workmen; and

(b) why this highly advanced machinery and know-how and skilled personnel is not taken over by Government for production in the Ordnance Factories, especially the Metal and Alloys Section?

**The Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Social Welfare (Shri K. Raghu Ramaiah):** (a) The supply of zinc and other scarce raw materials to Kamani Group of Engineering Industries as also to other similar units is being regulated under the Scarce Industrial Materials (Control) Order 1965. In view of the current shortage of these materials, their release and utilisation is being permitted to the consuming units on a uniform basis. So long as the shortages last, all units including the Kamani Group of Industries have to share in *pro-rata*.

(b) In view of the position explained in reply to part (a), the question of Government taking over machinery, know-how or skilled personnel from any unit, does not arise.

#### Paper Plant in Nepal

**1093. Shri D. D. Puri:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported dropping of the proposal by China to set up a paper plant in Nepal;

(b) if so whether Government have offered or propose to offer assistance to Nepal for this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manabhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have not so far offered any assistance to Nepal in setting up a paper plant. If and when any proposal for such assistance is received from HMG Nepal, it will be given due consideration.

#### घाग बसाने वाले यंत्र

**1094. डा० राव मनोहर लोहिया :**

श्री किशन पटवर्धनक :

श्री राधेशेखर पायब :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सब है कि नई दिल्ली

में इंडियन कोन्सल्टेंट्स एग्जिक्टिव के शो रूम में लगाये गये घाग बसाने वाले यंत्र ने, उस समय काम नहीं किया जब कुछ समय पूर्व उस शो रूम में घाग लग गई थी;

(ख) क्या सरकारी और अध-सरकारी संस्थाओं और इमारतों में लगाये गये घाग बसाने वाले यंत्रों की समय समय पर जांच करने की कोई व्यवस्था है ;

(ग) क्या कश्चित शो रूम में लगे घाग बसाने वाले यंत्र की जांच की गयी थी; और

(घ) यदि हां तो घाग लगने से कितने दिन पूर्व इस, की जांच की गई थी ?

**वाणिज्य मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री शफी कुरेशी):** (क) जी, नहीं। शायद इसका प्राशय केन्द्रीय कुटीर उद्योग इम्पोरियम से है जिसका प्रबन्ध पहले भारतीय सहकारी यूनियन द्वारा किया जाता था।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) चार महाने और दो दिन।

#### Heavy Electrical Factory Bhopal

**1095. Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Electricals, Bhopal, which has now completed five years of service is manufacturing Rs. 50 crores worth of hydro and thermal generating equipment; and

(b) the other articles which the factory is now manufacturing?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) Heavy Electricals, Bhopal have in hand a manufacturing programme for Hydro and Thermal generating sets of a total value of approximately Rs. 50 crores to be