

(b) Yes, Sir. As on the 30th September, 1966, 489 machines valued at Rs. 246 lakhs were in stock;

(c) there appears to be no decline in the demand, as such. The real difficulty would appear to be scarcity of rupee finance.

Export of Heavy Machinery by Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

2926. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation has received export orders from Asian and African countries for heavy machinery;

(b) if so, the amount of orders received and the names of countries from which they have been received; and

(c) whether the orders are on deferred payment basis and, if so, whether any agreement has been entered in this regard?

The Minister of Industry (Shri. D Sanjivayya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2927. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission is paying any interest on loan to Government;

(b) if so, since when it is being paid;

(c) whether the repayment of loan to Government has been deferred; and

(d) if so, to what dates?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). All loans advanced to Khadi & Village Industries Commission carry interest at the normal rate prevailing at the time of sanction. In their turn, the Commission advance moneys to others. All interest received by the Commission during any year are credited to Government account. This has been the practice ever since 1960-61. It does happen that the total amounts realised and credited to Government account fall short of the interest due against loans advanced to the Commission by Government. This difference is made good by Government each year as a direct subsidy to the Commission.

(c) and (d). It has been decided that Government of India should provide the Commission with a 'Working Fund' which would be utilised for the execution of programmes for development of Khadi and Village Industries etc. The amount of 'Working Fund' will be linked to the level of production and sales achieved by the Commission. With this end in view, loans amounting to Rs. 34.05 crores have been renewed up to 30-9-1969 and a further sum of Rs. 9.995 crores has been renewed up to 30-9-1970.

Das Committee on Handicrafts

2928. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of Das Committee on Handicrafts has been accepted by Government;