

the H. M. G. of Nepal would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Inter-governmental Joint Committee and, if found necessary the question of canalising the imports through a suitable agency will also be considered.

M/s. Cooper Allen and Co. Ltd., Kanpur

*91. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGARHI :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
SHRI R. K. SINHA :
SHRI MRITUNJAY PRASAD :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Cooper Allen and Co, Ltd., Kanpur one of the units of the British India Corporation has been taken over by Government ;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be run by a Department or by a Corporation; and

(c) whether the shares of the Bajorias have been purchased by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A AHMED) : (a) Government have decided to take over the Cooper Allen and North West Tannery Units of the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur. The actual take over of the units is expected to be completed shortly.

(b) A private limited Company in the public sector is being formed to manage the two units.

(c) No, Sir.

Textile Mills taken over by National Textile Corporation

92. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Textile mills which have been taken over by the Textile Cor-

porations of India ;

(b) the number out of them which have started functioning after being taken over : and

(c) the steps taken by Government to see that these textile Mills are taken over permanently ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) None.

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

Taken over of the new Victoria Mills Ltd. Kanpur

93. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the New Victoria Mills Ltd; Kanpur has been taken over by the Textile Corporation of India ;

(b) if so, whether it has started functioning : and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(a) and (c). The question of appointment of an Authorised Controller is under consideration in consultation with the State Government. Necessary steps to restart the mills will be taken after an Authorised Controller is appointed.

Production in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

94. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
SHRI VAJNA DATT SHARMA :
SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH BHARATI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether production has started in full swing in the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve its working ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited, Ranchi comprises three plants, viz., the Heavy Machine Building Plant, Foundry Forge Plant and Heavy Machine Tools Plant units. These Plants are in production and production build-up and productivity in these units is being rapidly increased. As the gestation period in respect of heavy engineering enterprises of this nature is inevitably fairly long, it is expected that these plants will achieve full capacity only over the next few years. The production figures for these three plants during 1967-68 and 1968-69 are as follows :—

| | 1967-68 | 1968-69 (April-Jan. 1969) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| (i) Heavy Machine Building Plant | 14,611 tons | 19,472 tons |
| (ii) Foundry Forge | 9,003 tons | 13,392 tons |
| (iii) Heavy Machine Tools Plant | 15 Machines | 5 Machines |

(i) Heavy Machine Building Plant

(ii) Foundry Forge

(iii) Heavy Machine Tools Plant

(c) Various measures have been taken from time to time and are constantly under review to increase productivity in these plants and to achieve as accelerated a rate of production build-up as possible. A Director of Coordination has recently been appointed to ensure close liaison and co-ordination between the Foundry Forge Plant and the other two units. The production planning units has been strengthened and is expected to give much better results in the future. Steps are being taken to make the training programme more effective and particularly to emphasise training on the job and on the sophisticated heavy machine units. Incentive schemes are also being progressively introduced and have already been started in some of the

manufacturing shops. Particular emphasis has been given to early completion of the Foundry Forge Plant and there has been considerable improvement in the supply of castings from this unit during recent months. A 90 day production drive was launched recently which produced very good results. During this period, production in the Foundry Forge plant and Heavy Machine Building Plants, in particular, increased very substantially. As a result of these efforts which will be continued and intensified in the coming months, it is expected that both production build-up and productivity in the Heavy Engineering Corporation would improve substantially.

National Instruments Ltd, Calcutta

95. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Instruments Ltd., Calcutta is facing no-work problem;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to diversify production;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry is likely to take over this Unit; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). As the demand for the traditional items of production of the Company has fallen, the Company is embarking on a programme of diversification of its production. The programme envisages production of (i) traditional items restricted to saleable items only (ii) new items developed and already taken up for commercial production and (iii) items against Defence orders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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गायी वर्कर्स एक्सप्रेस चलाना

96. श्री शिव शण्डिका प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :