

मुद्रा का अर्जन इस उद्योग से होता है। जर्मनी कालोन का मुख्य बाजार है। जर्मन मुद्रा के अवमूल्यन के कारण कालोन के छोटे निर्यातकर्ताओं तथा कालोन निर्माताओं के कालोन की बिक्री रुक गई है। कामत नहीं मिल रही है। कालोन उद्योग संकट में है। इस संकट से उबारने के लिए सरकार छोटे निर्यातकर्ताओं तथा कालोन निर्माताओं का माल खरीदने की व्यवस्था करे और बूनकरों का साधे-साधन की व्यवस्था करके उनसे कालोन का निर्माण कराकर उन का माल स्वयं खरीदने के केन्द्र स्थापित करे।

(iv) Need to increase the range of Radio Statement Ratnagiri.

**SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR** (Ratnagiri): The Radio Station installed at Ratnagiri has been broadcasting for the past few years. At the time of the installation of this Radio Station it was meant for the entire Konkan region comprising of Ratnagiri, Thane and Sindhudurg. The present range of the Station is so limited that the programmes do not cover areas beyond 30 Kms. The purpose for which this Station was installed has been defeated. Repeated demands have been made by the Radio Licence holders from Thane, Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri to increase the range.

I, therefore, request the Minister to look into this inadequacy of the Radio Station at Ratnagiri and increase the range to enable the Radio Listeners to take advantage and thus fulfil the demand of the Konkan region.

(v) Central Assistance of West Bengal Government for Compensating cultivators for loss of their crops due to pest and drought.

**SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA** (Tam-luk): A large number of aman cultivators of Midnapore, Purulia, Bankura, Howrah, Bidbhun, 24 Parganas, Hoogly and other districts in the State

of West Bengal are facing tremendous hardship due to the loss of crops caused by current spell of drought and attacks of 'tungro virus'. The wide-spread viral pest attack and drought conditions have destroyed aman crop in more than 700,000 hectares in West Bengal.

More than 4.2 million hectares had been brought under aman cultivation this year, in West Bengal, of which crop on 200,000 hectares had been destroyed by virus attack and 500,000 hectares by drought. The damage caused by drought might be more than what had been initially estimated by the Agricultural Department of the Government of West Bengal.

The State Government of West Bengal has decided to provide input loans of Rs. 5.5 crores to the cultivators affected during the aman season. A special cell under the State Government had been set up to launch a campaign in rural areas to educate farmers on how to fight the 'tungro virus' attack during the next Kharif season. The State Government had also decided to reduce water cess for minor irrigation by 50 per cent during the rabi season.

But this is not enough, efforts on the part of the State Government are not sufficient. Efforts on an emergency footing are necessary to compensate the peasants for their loss of production.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to come forward with an open mind and political will to give all possible help to the State Government to save the situation. I demand immediate release of sufficient food-grains and money to introduce massive programmes of 'Food for Work' and "National Rural Employment Programme".

(vi) Need for Central intervention to enable workers to take over management of Binny Government Factory, Bangalore.

**SHRI, GEORGE FERNANDES** (Muzaffarpur): There one hundred years old Binny Ltd. had set up an export oriented Binny Garment factory in