

kg. is not an exorbitant price. If we feel that they are charging exorbitant price, we do not mind importing more quantities. As I have already said, it is open to the consumers to import any quantity.

**SHRI BHAGWANT JHA AZAD :** How can the small people import? Only the big persons can import.

**श्री शिव कुमार सिंह ठाकुर:** सिंथेटिक फाइबर बार्न के बने कपड़े की कास्ट जाफ प्रोडक्शन के सम्बन्ध में यह सवाल पूछा गया है। इस बार्न से बने कपड़े के जो मालिक हैं वे पचास से साठ प्रतिशत तक का प्रॉफिट कमाते हैं। क्या शासन की ऐसी कोई नीति है ताकि कम कीमत पर उपभोक्ता को टैरीलीन और टैरीकाट का कपड़ा मिल सके?

**श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल:** कपड़े का जहाँ तक सवाल है उसका मेरी मिनिस्ट्री से ताल्लुक नहीं है। मेरी मिनिस्ट्री का ताल्लुक सिर्फ फाइबर से है, फैब्रिक से नहीं है। इसलिए माननीय सदस्य अगर कामर्स मिनिस्ट्री से यह सवाल करें तो कामर्स मिनिस्टर इसका जवाब दे सकते हैं।

**Production Loss in Sindri Factory of Fertiliser Corporation of India**

\*636. **SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:**

SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sindri factory of the Fertiliser Corporation of India shut off since January 1980 for want of fuel oil has suffered a huge production loss;

(b) if so, the actual extent of loss suffered so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resume production in the factory?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL):** (a) The Sindri Modernisation plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited has been closed since the evening of the 16th January, 1980 due to non-availability of feed stock, viz., fuel

oil/LSHS, following the closure of the Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries on account of the Assam situation.

(b) The production loss till the 15th July, 1980 is estimated at 50,850 tonnes of nitrogen.

(c) The plant will be re-started as soon as the feed stock becomes available.

**SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:** The answer to Question No. (b) may be given in rupees. I want to know from the hon. Minister: what are the alternative steps that have been taken to continue the fuel oil supplies to these factories?

**SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL:** There is no possibility of taking any alternative step because all these plants depend upon the Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries' products. They are getting crude direct from Assam. Unless crude supply is resumed, it is not possible to supply fuel oil to these plants.

**SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:** How many fertiliser plants are lying idle on account of stoppage of fuel oil to these plants? What are the daily losses on account of the Assam agitation?

**SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL:** On account of the Assam agitation, so far we have lost by way of crude oil more than Rs. 400 crores and by way of fertiliser, it is very difficult to say. If the hon. Member puts a separate question I will be able to supply the information.

The hon. Member has asked as to how many fertiliser factories have been affected as a result of the Assam agitation. According to my information—I do not have the detailed information—6 to 7 fertiliser factories have been affected because of the Assam agitation.

**Appointment of Advisory Committee on Distribution of Petroleum Products**

\*637. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: