

ment have made an appeal to the Centre.

MR. SPEAKER: How is it relevant to the main question?

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Let the hon. Minister ask for notice, but it is for him to say.

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI D. P. DHAR): I would submit that this question does not arise directly from the main question. The remoteness is so great that I am afraid I shall not be able to oblige the hon. Member with any reply to this question.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Let him kindly speak to the Labour Minister.

श्री यन्मालाल बाकपाल : राजस्थान और विशेषकर बीकानेर, जैसलमेर, जोधपुर आदि जिलों के सम्बन्ध में एक मुद्दा है कि पीव न पानी और है, नहावन पानी और, घोषन घाबन और है, बाह रे नन्द किशोर । स्वर्गीय प्रधान मंत्री नेहरूजी ने पंद्रह साल पहले कहा था कि मैं चाहता हूँ कि किसी भी कीमत पर राजस्थान के लोगों को पीने का पानी मिलना चाहिये । राजस्थान में खारा पानी है । 25 साल की आजादी के बाद भी पानी पीने के लिए भी उनको मुहैया नहीं हो रहा है । वहाँ आज भी हरिजन पीने के पानी के लिए स्वर्णों तथा दूसरों पर निर्भर करते हैं । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि हरिजनों आदि के लिए आप क्या सुविधा प्रदान करने जा रहे हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : कश्चन हरिषाणा का है इस में राजस्थान कहाँ से ले आये आप ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: We shall take care of Rajasthan also so far as drinking water facilities are concerned.

SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR: The hon. Minister, Mr. Dhar, just now said that special attention will be given

to the backward areas. The Sunderban area of West Bengal is a very backward region, and a number of projects have been waiting for a long time. May I know whether they are going to include them at least in the Fifth Plan or not?

MR. SPEAKER: These questions do not relate to Haryana. Next question.

#### Closure of Small Scale Industries in Mysore

\*766. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of raw material for small scale industries in the State of Mysore;

(b) whether some small-scale industries have closed down due to this shortage in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of raw material in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) and (b). There has been a general shortage of raw materials in the country including Mysore State. Government of Mysore have reported recently that no units have been actually closed for want of raw materials.

(c) Supply of imported raw materials to Small Scale Units in Mysore has improved as indicated below:—

Value of import licence	
(Rs. in lakhs)	
1969-70	268
1970-71	389
1971-72	602

Allocation of indigenous scarce raw materials such as E.C. Grade and commercial grade aluminium and zinc has also improved as shown below

	(Tons)	
	1971-72	1972-73
Steel . . . .	3646	7196
E. C. Grade aluminium	567	1022
Commercial grade aluminium . .	258	262
Zinc . . . .	13 5	36 30

Efforts are being continuously made to enhance the allocation of raw materials for small scale industries depending upon their availability

**SHRI D B CHANDRA GOWDA**  
In spite of the creditable performance in the last two decades of planning the supply of raw materials especially to the small scale industries is not satisfactory. Small scale industrialists even today have to depend upon the materials in the open market where the prices are more than double the control prices. I would like to know from the hon. Minister (a) the concrete steps the Government is proposing to take to meet the supply of coarse raw material to the small scale units and (b) though the statement is encouraging so far as Mysore is concerned, I would like to know whether the figures supplied here are in consonance with the demand made by the Government of the State of Mysore.

**SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI**  
I quite agree with the hon. Member that there is a general shortage of raw material, and the Government is taking so many steps to improve the position with regard to the supply of raw materials to the small scale industries. Especially the import policy with regard to scarce raw materials

has been liberalised, and we are doing something which will improve the situation

**SHRI D B CHANDRA GOWDA**  
The powerlooms in Mysore are very much hit for the want of yarn supply. May I know from the hon. Minister what arrangements the Government propose to make so far as the supply of yarn is concerned, because especially in Gadag and the districts of Bharwar and Bijapur are subject to a great hardship for want of yarn?

**SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI:**  
The question does not come within the purview of the Ministry of Industrial Development. It is a question pertaining to the Ministry of Commerce.

**SHRI DEBENDRA NATH MAHATA**  
May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is an acute shortage of sulphuric acid in Calcutta and as a result most of the factories are affected?

**MR SPEAKER** The main question is about Mysore.

**SHRI K LAKKAPPA** My friend has brought out a very good question so far as Mysore State is concerned. There are two issues involved in this question, which are to be solved by this Ministry. The shortage of raw materials to small industries arises out of two factors. Raw material allotted to Mysore State is not in conformity with the demand made by the Mysore State. Secondly, raw material like stainless steel which was allotted by the Ministry previously, for fictitious-registered small scale industrialists who have 'gloriously' sold them in blackmarket at Bombay recently and made a handful margin of profit. This type of fictitious registration results in shortage of raw material to bona fide small scale units. This has happened in the heart of my parliamentary constituency. What specific steps have been taken to meet the

shortage of raw material needed by the State and to bring to book people who sold stainless steel in blackmarket in Bombay?

**SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI:** Although the question is too general.... (Interruptions) the statement laid on the Table of the House shows that in 1971-72 the allotment to Mysore was 3646 tonnes while in 1972-73 it went up to 7196. This is an improvement over the last year. The Government will deal with the other aspect if specific information about the sale of raw material in black market is given.

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:** I gave specific information.

**SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA:** Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that some industrial units shifted from West Bengal to Mysore on the understanding that raw materials will be supplied to them but their hopes were not fulfilled?

**MR. SPEAKER:** I am not holding this question to be relevant.

**SHRI JAGANNATH RAO:** The Estimates Committee recommended the preparation of an inventory of small-scale industries regionwise and industrywise so that it would be possible for the DGTD to assess the requirements of the small scale industry? Have any steps been taken in this regard?

**SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI:** The small-scale industries board in its 30th meeting recommended that a census of small-scale industrial units be taken and preliminary work in this regard is already being taken up. We hope that after the census of the small scale industries, we would be able to assess the quantity of raw materials required by the small scale industries.

**SHRI K. CHIKKALINGAIAH:** Is it not a fact that the Mysore National Paper Mills in Mysore State is on the verge of being closed down?

**MR. SPEAKER:** You are here asking a specific question whereas the question appearing here is of a general nature.

**SHRI K. CHIKKALINGAIAH:** I am asking the question whether, because of dearth of raw material the Central Government is not giving the necessary funds to it to get a machine for changing the raw materials into pulp?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Again you are asking a specific question about the paper pulp. The question here is of a general nature. It has no reference to any particular factory. If you want to ask a specific question then you may have to give a separate notice for that.

**SHRI K. CHIKKALINGAIAH.** Sir, I am asking a specific question. Is it not a fact that because of dearth of raw materials, the National Paper Mill at Mysore is on the point of being closed down?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Have you followed my request to you or not?

**SHRI K. CHIKKALINGAIAH:** There is no raw material available there.

**MR. SPEAKER:** As I said earlier, if you want to ask a question about a particular undertaking or a factory, you may give a separate notice. Here, the question is of a general nature. Mysore State does not entitle you to go in for each and every factory. Please sit down.

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**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN—**  
Absent.

**SHRI LALJI BHAI—**Absent.