

MR. SPEAKER : The Question List is over. Yesterday, out of 20, only 9 were present. Today also only 9 are present. I will go through the list again so that those who are here now may put their questions.

**Report of Study on Import Substitution
of Raw Materials**

*123. **SHRI PILOO MODY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ordered any study to locate the indigenous sources of supply of raw materials presently being imported against free foreign exchange ;

(b) whether the study has already been completed and, if so, the main features thereof ; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange which is likely to be saved as a result of import substitution of raw materials ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :**

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Import substitution is a continuous exercise in order to achieve the objective of self-reliance and has been pursued in a variety of ways including substitution of imported raw materials, components etc., through increased production and by reduction in the consumption of imported raw materials and components per unit of production, through acceleration of phased manufacturing programmes

(c) According to a preliminary estimate based on the raw material requirements of 101 chemical industries and 224 engineering industries, in 1972, imports worth approximately Rs. 30 crores is likely to be substituted while imports worth about Rs. 25 crores might be diverted to Rupee Payment Area countries.

SHRI PILOO MODY : After listening to the reply, I think I know less about the subject than when we started. I do not understand what is the difficulty in giving me a simple answer as to what is the extent of the materials imported which would have been locally available. This is the first part of

my question. The supplementary is this. What is the extent of foreign exchange that we have spent during the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 in importing materials which actually were available locally.

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : For the selected industries, for which studies were made by the Director-General of Technical Development the foreign exchange component in production were as follows : 1969—8.3 per cent ; 1970—8.2 per cent ; 1971—7.43 per cent. The savings in foreign exchange are as follows : 1969—Rs. 10,40,01,970 ; 1970—Rs. 12,30,00,000 and 1971—Rs. 24.20 crores.

SHRI PILOO MODY : I am sorry that the Minister has not understood my question. I will re-phrase it for him. Government grant import licence for raw materials which are very often available in this country. I want to know whether the government has undertaken any study to show that in the last so many years we have imported so much of raw materials which we could have procured indigenously and, if so, whether there is a special department of the government looking into this matter and, if so, what is the extent of foreign exchange we have wasted in this fashion.

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : No foreign exchange is allowed for the import of such raw materials which are available here. If the hon. Member was careful enough to hear what I had said earlier, I had said that import substitution is a continuous exercise and, therefore, the Director-General of Technical Development is continuously doing this work.

SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN : What are the incentives that are being given to encourage import substitution ?

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : There is an advisory council. If there is any import substitution which is worth the name, or of a sufficiently high order, the person concerned is rewarded.

SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN : What reward ? To whom have you given it ?

SHRI PILOO MODY : Padma Bhusan.

SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD : I

do not have the details of the names or their inventions. At least 20 to 30 persons are being given Rs 5,000 to 10,000 every year as awards.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि सलाहकार समिति सुझाव देती है कि कौन कौन सा माल देश में पैदा हो सकता है और उसको विदेश से नहीं मगाया जाना चाहिए। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले तीन चार वर्षों में सलाहकार समिति ने ऐसे कितने सुझाव दिये हैं कि अमुक चीजें हमारे देश में ही प्राप्त हो सकती हैं और इंग्लैंड, उन्हें बाहर से मगाना बन्द कर देना चाहिए।

SHRI PILOO MODY As the lights are cut, may I raise a point of order? Because of this massive wave in favour of Shrimati Gandhi, several birds have got elected to Parliament. Will you please ensure that these birds at any rate are removed from the House?

SHRI A P SHARMA You want the birds also to be removed?

MR SPEAKER The other day a pigeon came. Today I saw a sparrow.

SHRI PILOO MODY The other day, the day before, it was a stool pigeon.

MR SPEAKER I do not think a bird of your size can come in.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : मैं केवल दो बरसों के आकड़े देना चाहता हूँ। यह सूची बहुत लम्बी है।

MR SPEAKER This can be laid on the Table. I do not allow it.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सती महोदय ने जो जवाब दिया है, मैं उसी के सम्बन्ध में मवाला पूछा है। मैंने पूछा है कि सलाहकार समिति ने कितनी चीजों के बारे में सलाह दी है कि वे देश में ही पैदा हो सकती हैं और उन्हें बाहर से मगाने की जरूरत नहीं है।

MR. SPEAKER. I hope, you will lay

this information on the Table. It is a long one.

SHRI PILOO MODY Instead of asking him to lay it on the Table, you can ask him to give a summary of it.

MR SPEAKER This is a difficult task. You cannot do it yourself sometimes.

MR SPEAKER Many hon Members are again absent today.

SHRI PILOO MODY Why do you not declare a holiday?

MR SPEAKER Yesterday eleven hon Members, more than half of those who gave notice of questions, were absent. The same thing has happened today.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री अध्यक्ष महोदय, प्रश्नों की लिस्ट को बढ़ा दिया जाये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : लिस्ट को कैसे बढ़ा सकते हैं ?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Telephones in Inspection Quarters of Posts and Telegraphs Department

*121 SHRI S N MISRA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether telephones have been provided at almost all the Inspection Quarters of the Posts and Telegraphs Department in all the Circles for the use of touring and holidaying officers, and

(b) if so, the measures devised by the Ministry to prevent the misuse of such telephones, specially at stations which are connected with direct dialling facilities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA): (a) Telephones have been provided in the Ins-