

**SHRI MOHSIN :** Certainly steps are being taken to stop smuggling of gold and wrist watches, but even then, some smuggling goes on, but Government is taking necessary step to stop the smuggling.

श्री हुकुम चन्द कछवाय पहले प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं आया है। सी करोड रुपये का मान देश में आता है और इस में से तीन चार करोड का ही पकड़ा जाता है। यह जो वस्तुव्य उनका आया है, इसके बारे में मंत्री महोदय ने कोई जवाब नहीं दिया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय आप बैठ जायें।

श्री हुकुम चन्द कछवाय मैं बैठ जाता हूँ। इस विभाग के उच्च अधिकारी ने यह बात कही है। उनका मानना अनुभव इस प्रकार का है। वह कहते हैं कि सी करोड का माल आता है और केवल तीन चार करोड का पकड़ा जाता है। इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार को क्या करना है?

**MR SPEAKER :** Nothing will go on record. He is speaking without my permission.

**SHRI HUKUM CHAND (Chwai) \*\*\***

**SHRI S M BANERJEE :** Is it a fact that the smuggled watches which are seized by the customs are sold by the Customs Department to the people, and if so, is there any shop from which they can be purchased by the common people?

**SHRI MOHSIN :** Unfortunately, this does not relate to my Ministry at all.

श्री बी पी सौर्य : गृह मंत्रालय शायद भलीप्रकार जानता है कि तस्करी का व्यापार देश में बढ़ता जा रहा है। चार छ दस करोड का सोना या इसी तरह की दूसरी चीजें लाने में फायदा ज्यादा होता है और नुकसान कम क्योंकि सजा बहुत कम है। इस सत्य को ध्यान में रखते

हुए क्या सरकार कड़े कानून बनायेगी ताकि इस तस्करी के व्यापार की रोकथाम की जा सके ?

**SHRI MOHSIN :** This relates to the Ministry of Finance. As the questions mentions : दिल्ली में कुछ स्थानों पर पुलिस ने छापे मारे it has come to our Ministry. In fact these measures are being taken by the Central Excise Department of the Ministry of Finance and not by the Home Ministry.

#### Report of Jute Enquiry Commission

\*1129 **SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 502 on the 11th November, 1970 regarding report of the Jute Enquiry Commission and state :

(a) whether the Jute Enquiry Commission set up by the former United Front Government in West Bengal has submitted its final report ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L N MISHRA) :** (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

As already stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 502 on the 11th November, 1970, the Jute Enquiry Commission had submitted an interim report to the West Bengal Government who had decided not to publish the report as most of the terms of reference to the Commission were found to be outside the jurisdiction of the State Government. In view of this, the points raised with regard to the main features of the report and Government's reaction thereto do not arise. The State Government have not extended the tenure of the Commission.

**SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR :** Is it a fact that the tenure of the Commission

was disbanded by the State Government at the instance of the Central Government and under the pressure of Jute Magnetas and so the report was not published on that account ? after the dissolution of the U.F. Government ?

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** The Committee was set up by the United Front Government in Bengal in 1969 and an interim report was submitted to the then Government. They decided not to publish the report. We have nothing to do with the report-

**SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR :** West Bengal is now under President's rule. Will the Central Government consider the report of that Commission or will they set up a commission to go into these affairs of Jute ?

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** We have already set up two commissions to go into the matter. Apart from that we have already taken a decision to set up a Jute Corporation ; it has come into being and it is going to look into the problems of raw jute and jute trade.

#### **Fresh crisis in Textile Industry in Gujarat and other States**

**\*1131. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the textile industry in Gujarat and in other States is facing a fresh crisis of a serious nature .

(b) if so, the nature thereof ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) :** (a) No, Sir.

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

**SHRI P. M. MEHTA :** How many mills closed their working in the year 1971 ? How many mills have been closed down up to 1971 ?

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** This question refers to Gujarat. Six mills have closed down

and we have taken over 5. So far as the country as a whole is concerned, the Textile Corporation taken over 27 mills.

**SHRI P. M. MEHTA :** What is the total loss of yarn and cloth and how many workers have been rendered employed ?

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** The workers affected are 50 000 or so ; but about yarn I shall not be able to say just now.

#### **WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

##### **Self-sufficiency in Production of Cashew-nuts**

**\*1113. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to take steps to produce cashewnuts internally to that extent that we can completely depend upon our own cashewnut production ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) :** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has a centrally sponsored scheme with an outlay of Rs. one crore for the remaining period of the Fourth Plan under which 5,000 hectares of additional area will be brought under cashew plantations departmentally and another 5,000 hectares will be covered under package programme.

##### **Decline in Profits and Profitability of Jute Textile Industry**

**\*1115. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the profits and profitability of the Jute Textile Industry has shown a sharp decline recently ; and

(b) the extent to which profitability of the Jute Industry has been affected as