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Reservation of controlled Cloth for N.T.C. Mills

*520. SHRI S R DAMANI Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reserved certain quantities of controlled cloth for NTC Mills exclusively

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) what is the basis for fixing prices of the controlled cloth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir A quantum of 50 million square meters of controlled cloth per quarter has been reserved to be manufactured by the mills under the National Textile Corporation out of the total quantity of 100 million square meters of controlled cloth. Out of the remaining 50 million square meters to be manufactured by the private sector mills on tender basis, the shortfall if any in tender procurement is also to be reallocated to the NTC Mills

(c) Prices for controlled cloth are based on certain formula prescribed for costs of production (known as multiplier rates) for each variety/construction as per the control order of the Government. Consumer prices have not, however, been changed for some time even though the actual cost of production is higher than the consumer price.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI May I know from the hon Minister the quantity that has been purchased in the last three quarters i.e. July to September, October to December, 78 and January to March, 1979 and how much of it has been purchased from NTC mills, how much from private sector and how much from the handloom sector?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: This question relates to production of controlled cloth by NTC mills and other sectors. It does not relate to purchase of cloth. The cloth is marketed through various agencies particularly the cooperative sector and all the quantity that is produced is marketed. We have, in fact, no surplus of controlled cloth with us.

SHRI S R DAMANI The hon. Minister has said that priority will be given to produce controlled cloth through handloom sector. What long term steps have been taken by the hon Minister so that handloom sector can produce more quantities of controlled cloth?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: We are producing 100 million square meters of controlled cloth. This quantity is produced in the organised sector. Half of this quantity has been reserved to be produced by the NTC mills and other half is tendered. What we found is that the private sector is not particularly keen on producing controlled cloth because they believe that rates are not adequate for them. In the circumstances, the NTC has been producing a part of that controlled cloth which also is tendered. During tendering it is found that the rates quoted by the private sector mills are more than the rates at which the NTC is prepared to do that work. Therefore, under the new scheme since the NTC took over this responsibility, from October to December, 1978, out of the total quantity of 100 million square meters of controlled cloth, the NTC took the responsibility of producing 83.19 million square meters while the private sector produced 16.81 million square meters. Therefore, the production of controlled cloth is currently done by the organised sector.

As far as handloom sector is concerned, they are producing janata cloth. We are giving them certain subsidy to produce this janata cloth.

Our proposal is to increase the production of this cloth in the handloom sector and gradually phase it out from the organised sector.

श्री विनायक प्रसाद धारव : मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि कन्दोल कलाय का प्रोडक्शन नेशनल टेक्स्टाइल कार्पोरेशन को दिया गया है। इमर्जेन्सी इम देश के लिए बहुत बुरी चीज़ थी लेकिन इमर्जेन्सी में यह होता था कि हर गाव की दुकान का कन्दोल कलाय का कपडा बटयाने ; लिए दिया जाता था जिसे गावों को माफ राहत मिलती थी लेकिन पिछडे डेड दो साल में गावों की भी कोआपरेटिव दुकान पर कन्दोल का कपडा नहीं जा रहा है जिसके चलते गावों को बहुत परेशानी है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हू कि उन्होंने एन० टी० सी० को जिना कन्दोल का कपडा बनाने के लिये दिया है, क्या वह बनाया भी जाता है या नहीं, क्या वह गावों में कोआपरेटिव दुकानों पर पहुंचाया जाता है कि नहीं ? क्या मंत्रों महोदय ने इम की जानकारी प्राप्त की है ?

श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीस : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैंने कहा है कि हम 40 करोड़ मटर कन्दोल का कपडा बना रहे हैं और यह बन रहा है—यह बुरा नहीं है। माननीय भद्रय की जो राय है कि इमर्जेन्सी के जमाने में ज्यादा कपडा बनता था, यह गलत है। उन का कहना है कि उन जमाने में वह हर स्टोर में मिलता था—मुझे इम की जानकारी नहीं है क्योंकि इमर्जेन्सी के जमाने में मैं जानकार लेने की स्थिति में नहीं था.... (अवधान)...

अध्यक्ष महोदय, एमर्जेन्सी के जमाने में जिना कन्दोल का कपडा बना था उस का आकड़े हमारे पास हैं। अगर आपको माननीय भद्रय की राय है कि उन जमाने ज्यादा बनता था और अब कम बनता है ना, वह भ्रामक गलत है.... (अवधान)...

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अगर इस कपडे के बेचने का जो काम है—वह इस समय कोआपरेटिव सेक्टर की ओर में होता है और अगर किसी क्षेत्र में यह कपडा नहीं पहुंच पाया हो, तो आप हमें बतलायें आखिर 40 करोड़ मटर कपडा बनता है आखिर 63 करोड़ है—कन्दोल को कोआपरेटिव फेडरेशन के माध्यम से उ. का शिपिंग होता है अगर इम के बाते समय कोई परेशानी हो तो आप हमें बतलायें, हम उस का जानकारी हासिल करेंगे और वहीं पर कोई कमज़ार या गलती हो तो उस का दूरान करेंगे।

श्री आर० एन० राकेश : मैं आप के माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हू—उत्तर प्रदेश में यह कपडा कहा-कहा मिलता है और इलाहाबाद में आप ने कितना बिजबाबा है—इतना है बतला दे।

MR. SPEAKER: This question does not arise.

Satellite Port at Nhava Sheva

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 243 on the 6th December, 1978 and state:

(a) how far has the working group made progress in its study of establishment of a satellite port at Nhava Sheva in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that the working group held only one meeting on 1st August, 1978 so far;

(c) how long the working group will take time to complete its task;

(d) whether any interim report has been received from the working group, and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government or the Planning Commission have prescribed any time limit for submission of