

with Dussehra celebrations or other occasions. You tell me about the political parties.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : I will find out.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : I want to know whether the Government have made any assessment into the working of the Coffee Board. Recently, the Coffee Board supplied sandwiches and coffee free worth Rs. 45,000 to the A.I.C.C. session held in Bangalore .. (Interruptions).

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : No, no.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : The Minister said that it is only a promotional activity. May I know whether the Government will accept the principle of giving a directive to the Coffee Board to help other political parties also to have their conferences and supply coffee free in these conferences ? (Interruptions).

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : I am told the money spent over that occasion was about Rs. 9000 and not Rs. 45,000 as the hon. Member said. (Interruptions.)

श्री रवि राय यह 9 हजार भी बहुत ज्यादा है भगन साहब ।

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN : Ours is a poor country ; you cannot justify even this much amount.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : I have not made any comment. I have only corrected the hon. Member. Since this question has been noised, I am prepared to consider whether the Coffee Board should make arrangements at political meetings in future.

Supply of Railway Wagons, Coaches and Equipment to Sudanese Government

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- *65. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI R. BARUA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Sudan have recently placed an order for

the supply by India of various kinds of railway wagons, coaches and equipment ; and

(b) if so, the details of the order placed together with the terms and conditions on which the order has been accepted ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 120 covered wagons, 43 coaching underframes and 3000 automatic couplers on usual terms and conditions.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : What are the 'usual terms and conditions' ?

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : Is this the way that the House should be treated ? There is a specific question as to what are the terms and conditions. Is this the answer to be given to that ?

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : He must have explained the terms and conditions.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : They are matters of detail. In supplementaries they can ask about those.

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : When you do not answer the main question, what will you reply to supplementaries ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : Covered wagons 120—price Rs. 75 lakhs approximately ; coaching underframes 43—price Rs. 5 lakhs ; automatic couplers 100—price Rs. 2 lakhs ; automatic couplers of different varieties 2,900 price Rs. 33 lakhs. The payment is to be made in free foreign exchange and the letter of credit is to be opened. Transaction for about a crore of rupees between the STC and the Government of Sudan is to be financed by the World Bank credit, and the contract was secured through tenders.

If these details are provided, the answer would be very long and that is why it was not done.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : A statement could have been attached.

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU DHURI : The Minister of Communications of Sudan.

Mr. Mahomoud Haseeb, came to India and visited all our factories in Chittaranjan, Varanasi and Perambur. He also visited some of the private institutions that manufacture coaches. I would like to know how much of this order has been placed in the private sector and how much in the public sector. Has any order been placed in the private sector ?

SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Orders for Rs. 75 lakhs plus Rs. 2 lakhs *i.e.*, 77 lakhs automatic couplers and covered wagons—are placed with the STC and the rest with private parties.

SHRI N. R. LASKAR : It is a good trend that we are exporting Rail wagons etc. to various countries, may I know whether our industry is geared up so that we could meet all our export demands ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : Yes, Sir. As I have said, we are exporting to a number of countries. The capacity is there. We have the capacity to meet our internal demand as well as the increased international demand.

SHRI R. BARUA : It appears from the information received, though not officially, that Russia is offering much more price for such wagons to other countries than what it is doing to India. Our wagon industry, and the wagon manufacturers are in a soup. So long they were under the hope that they would be manufacturing wagons for a big supply to Russia, but that has receded very far. May I know whether the supply of wagons to Sudan is also going to be on a long term basis and whether other sources or other areas can also be exploited for the purpose of encouraging wagon manufacturers?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : It is not a specific contract. Sir, it is not a long-term contract.

SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : It has been reported in the newspapers that the Government has been giving 20% subsidy to all other countries except the Soviet Union with regard to wagon deals. May I know whether the Government is giving the 20% subsidy regarding this Sudan deal also ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : The export assistance is given to the industry as a whole

and it applies to all exports from the industry.

SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : Regarding the Soviet deal, Government is not giving 20% subsidy which it is giving to other countries. I want to know whether the Government is giving the subsidy regarding wagon deals with the Soviet Union also ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : We do not give any subsidy as such. We call it export assistance to help the industry enable to export. This assistance is available to all wagon manufacturers who enter into export agreement irrespective of whatever country to which they export.

SHRI R. BARUA : Is it the declared policy of the Government to give subsidy to such industries ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : We do not give subsidy. That word we should give up.

SHRI UMANATH : It is promotional assistance.

श्री हृकण चन्द्र कछवाय : अभी प्रश्न का उत्तर देने हुए आपने बताया है कि हम कुछ डिब्बे गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र में बनवा रहे हैं। गैरसरकारी क्षेत्रों के संबंध में मेरी अपनी जानकारी है कि जो बड़े उद्योग हैं उन्हें अचूका कोटा दिया जाता है, लेकिन छोटे उद्योगों की उपेक्षा की जाती है। क्या सरकार जब किसी देश का आर्डर बुक करेगी तो छोटे उद्योगों को बराबर सहायता मिले, उनसे भी माल लिया जाय—इस का ध्यान रखेगी इस समय उनके साथ भेदभाव किया जाता है।

श्री ब० रा० मजत : बेगन बनाने वाले छोटे उद्योग नहीं हैं, बहुत बड़े और कम-बड़े हो सकते हैं। लेकिन हमारी ओर से कम-बड़े और बहुत-बड़े में भेद नहीं किया जाता है।

SHRI S. KUNDU : For the last two years the wagon manufacturing industry, particularly in the eastern part of this country, particularly in Calcutta, is facing a crisis because the Railways are not prepared to buy the rated capacity of manufacture of

this industry. Can the Minister say how much of the wagons which we are exporting have been given to the industries located in the eastern part of India ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : As I said, it is true that sometime back the wagon industry, particularly in the eastern region and near about Calcutta and other places, was faced with large unutilised capacity and they have got the orders, but it is difficult for me to give the precise number of wagons unless I get prior notice.

श्री तुलसी दास जाखन : प्रखबारों में यह खबर आई थी कि रूस के साथ जो कंट्रैक्ट हुआ था बैंगन के लिए, उसको उन्होंने बाद में नकार दिया, इसलिए कि वहाँ की आबो-हवा के लिये वे बैगन्ज ठीक नहीं थे। इस बात को दृष्टि में रखते हुए अब जो अग्रिमेट हुआ है, क्या उसमें आप इस बात को ध्यान में रखेंगे कि अब नो भी बैगन्ज तैयार हों, वे वहाँ की आबोहवा को देख कर तैयार की जाय ? क्या ऐसा कोई प्रीकोशन सरकार लेने जा रही है ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : वहाँ के वातावरण को देख कर जो स्पेसिफिकेशन्स हमने दिये हैं, वे उनको मंजूर हैं।

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Sir, I would supplement the question of my friend, Shri Kundu. When there was a recession in the country, especially in the engineering trade, there were a lot of wagon manufacturers whose entire capacity became idle. I would like to know whether there is any improvement after the export of wagons to Sudan and other countries, and, if so, to what extent the employment potential has increased and whether those workers who were declared surplus, have been taken back. Has any assessment been made to that effect ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : I think, Sir, that estimate can be given, if I get notice. It is a large question. It is the Ministry of Industrial Development which is primarily concerned. We are concerned only with the export aspect. The fact is that although they are not working to their full capacity—in each case it varies from industry to

industry—the utilisation of capacity has gone up and if we get some orders, suppose we get the Russian order, we will not only be working to full capacity, but we will have to create new capacity.

SHRI S. KUNDU : The question is : where there is capacity, orders are not given and new capacities are being created. Will the hon. Minister kindly look into this problem ? For, it is a very serious one, because thousands of workers are being retrenched.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : No new capacities are being created.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : क्या यह सही है कि बैंगन मैन्युफैक्चरर्स ने बंगाल गवर्नमेंट को एक मेमोरेण्डम दिया था और बंगाल गवर्नमेंट ने सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट से सिफारिश की थी कि उन के यहाँ कंफैसटी है, वर्कर्स बँटे हुए हैं, लेकिन उनको काम धन्धा नहीं मिल रहा है, इस तरफ सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट का ध्यान जाना चाहिये। अगर यह बात सही है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने क्या लिखा था और सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : यह बात सही है। न केवल बैंगन इंडस्ट्रीज के बारे में बल्कि तमाम इंजीनियरिंग इंडस्ट्रीज के बारे में वैंस्ट-बंगाल गवर्नमेंट ने लिखा था कि वहाँ पर वर्कर्स बेकार हैं, उनको चाहे रेलवे काम दे या एक्सपोर्ट का काम दिया जाय। इन दोनों मामलों में काफी उन्नति हुई है और हालत अब पहले के हिसाब से काफी अच्छी है।

Expansion of Industrial Units

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SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to allow expansion of 40 Industrial Units to enable them to export their goods to foreign countries ; and