

SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN; As on 30th September 81 mills were closed in the country but according to the new textile policy the Government of India is not going to take over any sick mill. Textile Ministry is not going to work like a nursing home to restore the 'health of the unviable sick mills.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: My question was about rehabilitation fund for the labour.

MR. CHAIRMAN; It is a relevant point. You may answer this.

SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN; The hon. Member should know that we are as much interested in the welfare of the workers as he is- The suggestion which he has made is already under consideration of the Government and in fact, this suggestion has been incorporated in the new textile policy.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL. Mr. Chairman, Sir, after the nationalisation of 12 textile mills in Gujarat a number of other mills are becoming sick. The industrialists who are making the mills sick are running other factories very well. May I know what action is being taken against such industrialists who are making these textile units sick but are running other units efficiently?

The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech has said that such industrialists will not be given loans from Government institutions. May I know whether this has been implemented or not and what action are you going to take against such industrialists who are running their other units efficiently and making the textile units sick?

SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN; Sir, I have already mentioned that a nodal agency under the IDBI is going to be set up which will help in tackling the sickness of these mills. About the particular question which the hon. Member has asked, now for instance in the case of one mill in Delhi we have said, "No, you cannot close it" unless they have set up a new mill. It is a fact that under

the Industrial Disputes Act, 90 days' notice has to be given to the State Government and then the State Government will have to examine all aspect and see whether the sickness can be allowed or not.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

Resignation in the State Trading Corporation

•26. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spate of resignations of General Managers and other senior officials in the State Trading Corporation recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the several irregularities in the STC involving crores of rupees; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against those who were involved in the said irregularities but have voluntarily resigned?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) From 1-4-1985 nine officers of the rank of Deputy Marketing Manager and above have resigned from STC. While some officers have not given any reasons for resigning in their letters of resignation, others have resigned either on personal health reasons or for pursuing of higher studies abroad.

(c) and (d) One case has been referred by Government to C. B. I. for enquiry. Their report is awaited.

डा० बापू कालदाते : सभापति महोदय, एस० टी०सी० के कारोबार में जो अनियमितताएं आ रही हैं उसी कारण हमको यह लगता है क्योंकि आपने जवाब में कहा है कि यह जो सारे इस्तीफे आये हैं 9 लोगों के ये 1.4.85 के बाद आये हैं। इसके अलावा

पिछले 5-6 महीने से शायद सरकार जो कड़ी कार्यवाही इरेम्यूलरिटीज के खिलाफ कर रही है उसी के कारण हो सकता है कि कुछ अफसर एस०टी०सी० से भाग जाना चाहते हों। आपने हमको यह नहीं बताया कि 9 अफसर जिन्होंने इस्तीफे दिये हैं। Had you ever examined their credentials before accepting their resignations? क्योंकि हो सकता है कि शायद आप कुछ कार्यवाही करते रहे होंगे और उनका अगर उनको पता लग गया हो तो भाग जाने के लिए खुद ही उन्होंने इस्तीफे दे दिये हों। इसमें एक और आदमी का नाम पूछना चाहता हूँ जो एस०टी०सी० के वनआफ द जेनरल मैनेजर थे मिस्टर एच०के० सोनी इन्होंने भी इस्तीफा दे दिया है तो क्या सरकार के कहने से इस्तीफा दे दिया है? इसका मतलब है कि सरकार ने उनको बताया होगा या कहा होगा कि आपको इस्तीफा देना जरूरी है नहीं तो कार्यवाही हो जायगी। तो इन्होंने क्या आपके कहने से इस्तीफा दे दिया है या नहीं और 9 अफसर जिन्होंने इस्तीफे दिये हैं आपने उनके क्रेडेंशियल्स इन्क्वायर्स किये हैं या नहीं किये हैं अगर किये हैं तो इनके बारे में आपकी क्या राय है?

श्री अर्जुन सिंह : मान्यवर, इन लोगों ने जो इस्तीफे दिये हैं इन इस्तीफों में जो कारण दिये गये हैं वे तो मैंने आपको बताये हैं कि यह बात जरूर है कि इनके पीछे जाकर देखना जरूरी है कि इनके इस्तीफे साधारण तौर से आये हैं या किन्हीं घटनाओं की परिस्थिति में इन्होंने इस्तीफे दिये हैं। मैं माननीय सदस्य से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इस संबंध में वे थोड़ा समय दें मैं निश्चित रूप से आपकी मंशा के मुताबिक... (व्यवधान) कार्यवाही करूंगा।

डा० बापू कालदास : ये सारे मामले आये हैं, निकल रहे हैं कि एस० टी० सी० में काफी अनियमितताएं हो रही हैं। क्या अब इरेम्यूलरिटीज के बारे में सरकार कुछ कड़ी जांच कर रही है? क्या मान्यवर यह बताएंगे कि इन इरेम्यूलरिटीज के बारे में सरकार ने कुछ कदम उठाये हैं, अगर उठाए हैं तो क्या उठाए हैं

और आज तक जो भी कदम उठाये हैं उनसे क्या सरकार को कुछ पता लगा है कि इससे कई करोड़ों की अनियमितताएं हो गयी हैं?

श्री अर्जुन सिंह : इसके लिए पूर्व सूचना की आवश्यकता होगी।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: Sir, it is a part of the question. Please see part (c) of the question. That is what I had asked.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is a new Minister. Indulgence is given to him. Next question.

Investment Allowance claimed by Mis, Delhi Bottling Company (P) Ltd.

*27. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Delhi Bottling Company Private Limited claimed investment allowance under the Income tax Act during the year ending 31st December, 1982 for acquiring bottles/cases, treating it as plant and machinery;

(b) if so, how such allowance was allowed to the company; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for this illegal claim?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No supplementary? Next question.

Losses suffered by Manganese Ore (India) Limited

*28. SHRI S. W. DHABE;

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manganese Ore (India) Limited has been incurring losses during the last three years;

The question was actually asked on (he floor of the House by Shri S. W. Dhabe.