

खादी भवन में घटिया किस्म की वस्तुएं

323. श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी भवन, नई दिल्ली द्वारा बेची जाने वाली वस्तुओं की क्वालिटी में तेजी से गिरावट आती जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार इन दिनों वहाँ घटिया किस्म की वस्तुओं के बेचे जाने के सम्बन्ध में जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ?

उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्रालयों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरणजीत धानना) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

M/s. WIMCO Limited

324. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the indefinite closure of M/s. WIMCO Limited match factory at Madras affecting nearly 900 workers; and

(b) whether Government propose to help the company in disposing of its stocks worth Rupees 4 crores?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) According to a communication received from M/s. WIMCO Limited, the existing differential in excise duty between the mechanised and non-mechanised sectors of match industry has adversely affected their business in matches and consequently, the Madras match factory is closed for an indefinite period. Recently, the above-

mentioned company has approached Government to reduce the excise differential.

Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.

325. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaboration agreements which the Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd., Madras have entered into so far and the names of products proposed to be manufactured by it;

(b) whether it is a fact that electric typewriters which are being manufactured by the Company often go for repairs; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the manufacturing techniques of electric typewriters by the Company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) Hindustan Teleprinters had entered into foreign collaboration with M/s. Ing. C. Olivetti of Italy in August, 1960 for manufacture of electro-mechanical teleprinters. This agreement expired in December, 1968. Recently, the company entered into another agreement with M/s. Olivetti in October, 1981 for technical collaboration for manufacture of electric typewriters. This agreement is in force. The company had earlier developed an electric typewriter on their own design and manufactured about 750 nos. during the period 1975-78 to 1978-79 but as there were complaints about the functioning of these typewriters, production has since been discontinued. With the entering into foreign collaboration, the company will be acquiring necessary technical know-how for manufacture of electric typewriters and this will go a long way to improve the manufacturing techniques.