

Purchase of looms by the All India Handicrafts Board

1900. SHRI SUJAN SINGH Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the purchases of looms made by the All India Handicrafts Board, New Delhi for their various Centres in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) whether tenders were invited for the purchase of these looms; if so, what are the names of the parties who submitted their tenders and what rates were quoted by them; and

(c) what are the names of the parties to whom the contract was given during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) The Carpet looms are made out of well seasoned wood. They are not readily available in the market. They have to be ordered for separately and got manufactured. Information for 1975-76 and 1976-77 are not readily available at the Headquarters' office of the All India Handicrafts Board since they are kept at the respective local offices. In 1977-78 the following carpet looms were purchased from the different centres after calling for quotations according to a standardised specification common to all, suiting to the objective of the training programme:—

In U. P. for 80 Centres	800 looms purchased
In Punjab for 3 Centres	32 looms purchased
In Haryana for 2 Centres	20 looms purchased
In J. & K. for 65 Centres	650 looms purchased.
TOTAL	1502

The scheme provides for purchasing of looms at a cost not exceeding Rs. 1500/- per loom.

(b) Sealed quotations were invited locally at each place from manufac-

turers of such looms.

For the U.P. centres, quotations were received from the following parties:—

Name of the parties	Amount in Rs. per loom
	Rs.
(i) M/s. Viswakarma Chirai Workshop, Jaunpur	1250.00
(ii) M/s. Gopaldas Jaiswal, Dubhi, Mirzapur	1175.00
(iii) M/s. Shakti Timber Traders Mirzamurad, Varanasi	1075.00
(iv) M/s. Bimal Singh Bros., Narayanpur, Mirzapur	1125.00
(v) M/s. Jaswal Timber Adalhat, Mirzapur	1050.00
(vi) M/s. Modern Furnitures, Sadarganj, Mariahu, Jaunpur	1050.00

Name of the parties	Amount in Rs. per loom Rs.
<i>For Punjab and Haryana Centres, quotations were received from the following suppliers of looms :—</i>	
(i) M/s. Durga Wood Industries G.T. Road, Putlighar, Amritsar .	875.00
(ii) M/s. Navbharat Carpets, Kot Khalsa, Amritsar	827.00
(iii) M/s. Carpet India, Kot Khalsa, Amritsar	845.00
(iv) M/s. India Wood Industries 3495-A, Ranjeet Pura, P.O. Khalsa College, Amritsar	810.00
(v) M/s. Fairson Traders, Head Office Apnee Dukan, Zaildar Mohalla, Mir Behri, Nadpora, Rainwari, Hazrat Bal Road, Srinagar (Kashmir)	(i) 755.00 (for qualities similar to Amritsar type).
	(ii) 867.00 (for special type of looms).
(vi) M/s. Shaheen & Co., Hazaratbal near Alpine Saw Mills, Gulshan Garden, Srinagar	935.00
(vii) Tehran Nagin Handicrafts, Srinagar (Kashmir)	1035.00
(viii) Punjab Wood Industries, 24, Wazir Bagh, Srinagar .	1050.00
(ix) Mohamad Sidiq Mir, Kallan Baf, Shalimar, Bonagam, Kashmir .	(2% less than the lowest tender.)
<i>For the Centres in J & K Region, the following quotations were received.</i>	
(i) Govt. Joinery Mills, Srinagar	1100.00
(ii) J. & K. Small Industries, Development Corporation, Srinagar .	890.00

(c) *For U.P. Centres:* The lowest rate of Rs. 1050.00 per loom as quoted by M/s. Jaiswal Timbers, Adalhat and M/s. Modern Furniture, Bhadohi was accepted and orders distributed between these two parties.

For Haryana & Punjab: Orders were placed with M/s. India Wood Industries, Amritsar at Rs. 810/- per loom since their quotation was the lowest. Though M/s. Fairson Traders, Srinagar had quoted Rs. 755/- per loom they had quoted Rs. 160/- more per loom as transport charges, separately in their letter of quotation and thus were not the lowest.

For the J & K Centres: Since the rates of M/s. J & K Small Industries Development Corporation at Rs. 890/-

per loom was found to be the lowest, the same was accepted. But as a large number of looms were to be procured within a limited time on urgent basis, orders for supply of looms at the above rate were placed with the private parties also besides the M/s. J & K Small Industries Development Corporation. They are M/s. Sidiq Mir & Sons, Srinagar and M/s. Punjab Wood Works, Srinagar.

Manufacture of carpets by the All India Handicrafts Board

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(a) what is the number of carpet manufacturing centres set up by the