

imported textile machinery for three textile mills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that similar machinery is manufactured within the country; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for these imports?]

**वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया):**  
(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

†[THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.]

**बोइंग विमान की खरीद के लिये भारत को घूस**

3. श्री नत्थी सिंह : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार का ध्यान संयुक्त अमरीका की बोइंग कम्पनी द्वारा उससे बोइंग विमान खरीदने के लिए भारतीयों को दी गई कथित घूस की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है जिन्होंने यह घूस ली थी ?

†[Boeing pay-off to India

3. SHRI NATHI SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged pay-off

to some Indians by the Boeing Company of the United States of America for buying Boeing aircraft from them; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the persons who received these payments?]

**पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री पुरुषोत्तम कौशिक) :** (क) और (ख) सरकार ने बोइंग कम्पनी द्वारा कथित घूस दिये जाने के बारे में समाचार देखे हैं। इस संबंध में पूरे व्यौरे प्राप्त करने के लिए जांच की जा रही है। अगली कार्यवाही उसके बाद ही की जा सकेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) : (a) and (b) Government have seen news reports about the alleged pay-offs by the Boeing Co. Enquiries are being made to ascertain full details in this regard. Further action will be taken thereafter.]

**Research Centres set up by the Central Silk Board**

4. SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Research Centres set up so far by the Central Silk Board in the North-Eastern Region and what is the staffing pattern of these Centres; and

(b) what is the nature of research works and promotional activity undertaken by them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

### Statement

(a) Two Research Stations namely Central Muga and Eri Research Station, Titabar (Assam) and Regional Tasar Research Station, Imphal (Manipur) have been set up by the Central Silk Board in the North-Eastern Region. The station at Titabar is headed by an Assistant Director with five research sections each headed by a Senior Research Assistant and other Junior supporting technical staff. The Imphal station is headed by a Deputy Director and has five scientific sections with the two Senior Research Officers and six senior Research Assistants and supporting junior technical staff.

(b) The research stations undertake programmes of research as approved by the Research Co-ordination Committee of the Central Silk Board and cover mainly the improvement of the host plants for eri and muga, evolution of improved high yielding races of eri and muga worms and introduction of improved techniques of rearing, reeling and spinning. The Regional Tasar Research Station at Imphal is primarily attending to the problems concerning the oak tasar development in the region for which there is great potential. The research projects undertaken by the station are problem oriented and deal with improving the emergence of moths, rearing methods, improving the reelability of the oak tasar cocoons. The Imphal station is also engaged in training of personnel at lower levels required by the States for manning their departmental activities.

12 NOON

### REFERENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S BROADCAST

श्री हर्षदेव मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मान्यवर, मैं एक बात उठाना चाहता हूँ . . . .

SHRI MOHAMMAD YUNUS SALEEM (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, with your permission I want to bring to your

notice that last night the Prime Minister has given an interview on the television . . .

श्री उपसभापति : माननीय सदस्य देखें, हमारे कुछ नियम हैं कि सदन में किस प्रकार से मामले उठाए जाने चाहिए . . . . .

SHRI MOHAMMAD YUNUS SALEEM: Sir, at Zero Hour we are entitled to raise such questions. This is a very important question. You will kindly hear me. This is a very important matter.

श्री उपसभापति : प्वाइंट ऑफ आर्डर उठा रहे हैं श्री चौधरी, अब वह बोलेंगे ।

SHRI MOHAMMAD YUNUS SALEEM: Sir, when the Parliament is sitting, the Prime Minister should have made the statement on the floor of the House first.

SHRI NIRPATI RANJAN CHOUHDURY (Assam): Sir, I am on a point of order. I beg of you to permit me to say a few words. Sir, yesterday the Prime Minister has made a policy statement.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. Listen to me.

SHRI NIRPATI RANJAN CHOUHDURY: Sir, I am raising a point of order on his point. I am not raising any issue.

(Interruptions).

Sir, you kindly listen to me and then rule it out.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will request the Members to kindly listen to me. If the point to be raised is so important, they could at least have taken me into confidence and not spring a surprise on me. I cannot say anything without knowing what point they want to raise. I will not come in the way of any Member raising any important matter.