

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: That is why I wanted to make it clear. I never said arms aid. I am talking of the economic aid. I asked whether the tenders have risen by 50 to 70 per cent and whether they will re-cast the Plan because of the much greater uncertainty of the so-called foreign aid.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAN Sir, I do not think the stage has arisen to say that there will not be any foreign aid. If such a contingency arises, certainly we shall take it into consideration and we are prepared for any such contingency also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Krishan Kant. Last question.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Sir, one question that has gone unanswered last week and before that also is, what is the strategy that the Government is going to adopt to check the rise in prices? There has been Rs. 700 crores of deficit financing up till now and 16 per cent of the annual budget is going for the Bangla Desh refugees. What is the strategy that you are going to adopt to control the rise in prices? The hon. Minister, Mr. Dharia, said last time that in the Plan appraisal you are assuming that there will not be any price rise in the rest of the period. So, what is the strategy that you are going to adopt?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I would like the hon. Member to wait a little bit. When he sees the Appraisal document, he will see that we propose to make some recommendations with regard to the containing of the prices also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO SANJAY GANDHI FOR SMALL CAR PROJECT

*399. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDLI

SHRI K. C. PANDA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chandramouli Jagarlamudi.

DEVELOPMENT/औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been invited to a report published in the "Mother-land", dated the 9th September, 1971 to the effect that Shri Sanjay Gandhi has been granted foreign exchange for importing certain machinery and components for his small car project; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री

(SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Shri Sanjay Gandhi has not been granted any foreign exchange for the import of plant and machinery or components for his passenger car project.

SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI : May I bring to the notice of the hon. Minister that in the "Motherland" dated the 9th September, 1971 . . .

Mr. CHAIRMAN: That is in the question already. Why do you mention it again? If you do not want to put a question, I shall call the next Member. Mr. K. C. Panda.

SHRI K. C. PANDA: May I know from the hon. Minister how many people had applied for such licence for small cars and whether these two persons who have been granted licence already, have now applied for foreign exchange for the import of components? I would also like to know whether the Government is considering the applications of others also who had applied for foreign exchange for import of small car components and what action they are going to take in this matter.

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Sir, apart from Shri Sanjay Gandhi, there are the cases of Shri Madan Mohan Rao, Shri Manu-bhai H. Thakur and Shri P. C. Agarwal, and all of them have got the

same condition that no import of components or raw materials will be allowed except raw materials normally available in the country being in temporary short supply. Shri Sanjay Gandhi has not applied for any foreign exchange.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Niranjan Varma. Last question.

श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या श्रीमान्, यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि संजय गांधी ने तो नहीं मांगा, लेकिन संजय गांधी के साथ और भी दूसरे डायरेक्टर्स हैं, यदि वे मिल कर दूसरी कंपनी बनाते हैं, तो इस तरह की किसी कंपनी ने कोई मांग की है या नहीं ?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I do not know of any company. So far the letter of intent is concerned it is of in the name of Sanjay Gandhi. Sanjay Gandhi has not informed us of any company being floated officially, and, therefore, there is no question of it.

श्री गोडे मुराहरी : श्रीमन् . . .

श्री सभापति : नो, नो ।

श्री महावीर त्यागी : कुछ और चलने दीजिये ।

कुछ माननीय मेम्बर : यह इन्कवीनियेट है ।

डा० भाई महावीर : कुछ और सवाल होने दीजिये ।

श्री सभापति : इसलिये कह दिया कि कुछ तो काम कर लिया जाय । अगर आप चाहते हैं तो चलने दीजिये । इसमें इन्कवीनियेट का सवाल नहीं है ।

All right, Mr. Godey Murahari, you put your question.

Then shall we treat this as the last question?

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: I do not know, that is up to you. But I have been asking to put a question for the last, I think, half an hour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I ask honourable Members to draw my attention by calling 'Chairman' in the manner in

which certain Members call my attention because . . .

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: I have been trying to catch your eye for the last half an hour, on the last question as also on this question. I am very sorry, you did notice me, but . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, please.

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: Yes, Mr. Bhupesh Gupta made a remark also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, please. I always put down the names as I notice Members. . .

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: Sorry, I do not accept that. Mr. Bhupesh Gupta even made a remark on that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, Hon. Members always say . . .

(Interruption)

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: I am generally not in the habit of putting too many questions. But when I want to put a question I do not get an opportunity. I want to put a question only when I want to ask some specific thing and it is not as if I ask a supplementary on each and every question that is there . . .

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: The time is over now.

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: I would like to know whether there are any companies which want to manufacture component parts or spare parts, parts which can be used in the manufacture of a small car and whether they have applied for foreign exchange.

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: This is a very general question. The ancillary industries for car manufacturing are producing for do ask for foreign exchange in cer-all the car manufacturers and they tain fields and they have been given . . .

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: How much percentage of it?

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I cannot answer that. This is a general question which does not arise.

PLANTS FOR CONSUMER GOODS

*391. DR. SALIG RAM:t

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP

SINHA: SHRI KALYAN ROY: SHRI ARJUN ARORA: SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ **औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to set up plants in the Public Sector to produce fast selling consumer goods like synthetic fibre, woollen goods, domestic utensils, electrical gadgets, refrigerators and lamps; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL

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मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

DEVELOPMENT/

(SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA): (a) Government have decided in principle that the role of public sector should be expanded and extended to new fields, including those consumer industries in which major production gaps are likely to develop in coming years. With this end in view, some proposals for the manufacture of consumer goods in the public sector are under consideration and feasibility reports for some of these items have been prepared. These reports are under various stages of consideration. A final selection of the consumer industries to be taken up in public sector has not been completed so far

(b) Doe, not arise.

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Salig Ram.

बतलायेंगे कि जब कंज्यूमर्स चीजों के दान बढ़ रहे हैं देश में और जनसंख्या भी इसके साथ-साथ बढ़ती चली जा रही है तो आप क्या इस तरह

कंज्यूमर्स प्लान्ट लगाने का विचार करते हैं ? क्या कारण है कि अब तक इस तरह के प्लान्ट नहीं लगाये गये ?

SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA: As I said, certain items have been taken up and feasibility reports are being prepared, and as soon as they are ready, we will try to go into them.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: May I know from the honourable Minister how long the Ministry will take to decide upon the items? Have they given and priority? Why is there so much delay? Is it because of some pressure from the monopolisms that they do not want to go into it? Is that the reason why there is delay?

SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA: There is no question of being pressurised from any quarters. We do not deviate from our policy. We go according to a well-laid down policy. As a matter of fact, we have already entered into the field of a consumer goods. The honourable Member will remember that we are producing, for example, bread, modern bread, at so many centres, we are producing salt, we are producing drugs, we are producing watches. We have already entered into consumer goods.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Before the Question Hour is over you must reply by what time the report will be ready.

SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA: These reports are being studied, feasibility reports are being prepared . . .

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: How long will it take?

SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA: I cannot say; as early as possible, and consistent with our resource. That should also be taken note of.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.