

RADIO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

297. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision not to permit foreign collaboration in industries in which the country is self-reliant;

(b) if so, when the decision in this regard was taken;

(c) whether Government consider radio manufacturing industry to be a self-reliant industry;

(d) whether Government have received applications from any parties for collaboration in radio manufacture; and

(e) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) It has always been Government's policy not to allow foreign collaboration in an industry if the requisite technology is indigenously available.

(c) Yes, Sir. 'Commercial radio receivers' industry is included in the list of industries where no, foreign collaboration (financial or technical) is considered necessary.

(d) and (e) After it was decided that no foreign collaboration be permitted in radio manufacturing industry, no specific proposals for undertaking manufacture of radio receivers with foreign collaboration have been received. After this decision, all expansion proposals from existing manufacturers, who were making radios on the basis of arrangements involving royalty payment, were approved with the specific condition that for the expanded capacity, no royalty payment would be made.

INCREASE IN PAPER PRICES

298. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the resolution pass-

ed by the Federation of Paper Traders Association of India in their annual conference held in December, 1969 alleging that some paper mills have increased the prices, of paper through the subterfuge of a slight change in labels ; and

(b) if so, in view of the statement made by the Minister in Parliament to the effect that he had warned the mills against any further price increase, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Ad-hoc Committee on Paper has been constituted consisting of the representatives of the Government, Paper Manufacturers, Paper Traders and Consumers to look into the complaints about over-charging, change in the nomenclature, shortage of paper, and other malpractices and to suggest ways and means of eliminating these. At its meetings held on 17th & 18th April, 1970 at New Delhi and on the 23rd April, 1970 held at Calcutta, the Committee took the following decisions which were accepted by the Paper Industry and Trade.

1. The production of light-weight paper (56 GSM) will be maximised by the Paper Mills in the country in the coming two to three months so that all essential educational requirements for writing material and text-books in the coming season are fully met.

2. The Paper Mills will make available an extra quantity of 5000 tonnes per month during the next three months of the light-weight paper (56 GSM). This will be in addition to the normal supplies.

3. The Paper Industry would set up a Cell at its Headquarters at Calcutta to look into all genuine complaints about quality, over-charging, shortage of supplies and other allied malpractices.

4. The representatives of the Traders assured that they would also take all necessary steps against any malpractices in the trade and set up a cell to attend to the complaints in this regard.

5. The Committee would meet periodically and, for the present, they will

hold monthly meetings to review the position about paper supplies from time to time and take appropriate decisions to remove the causes of complaints wherever required.

299. [Transi Tied to the 2th May, 1970.]

सिगरेटों का उत्पादन

300. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या औद्योगिक विकास, आंतरिक व्यापार और समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों में देश में सिगरेटों का वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना था और क्या सिगरेट बनाने के लिये आवश्यक तम्बाकू देश में पैदा किया जाता है ; यदि नहीं तो गत तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष इस हेतु विदेशों से कितने तम्बाकू का आयात किया गया ;

(ख) सिगरेट बनाने वाली देशी तथा विदेशी कंपनियों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी हैं और उनकी निवेशित पूँजी की औसत क्या है ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष इम्पीरियल टोबाको कंपनी, मुंगेर का वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना था ?

[PRODUCT-Oh OF CIGARETTES

300. SHRI J. F. YADAV : Will the Minister of IN >1 STRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual production of cigarettes in the country during the last three years and whether the tobacco required for the manufacture of cigarettes is grown in the country; if not, what was the quantum of tobacco imported from foreign countries for this purpose every year during the last three years ;

(b) what is the number of indigenous and foreign cigarette manufacturing companies separately and what are their average investments; and

(c) what was the annual production of the Imperial Tobacco Company, Monghyr every year during the last three years.]

औद्योगिक विकास, आन्तरिक व्यापार तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) विगत तीन वर्षों में सिगरेटों का वार्षिक उत्पादन इस प्रकार हुआ है :—

1967	. 53,7770 लाख सिगरेटें
1968	. 60,4320 —वही—
1969	. 59,7140 —वही—

यदि पूर्ण रूप से विचार किया जाए तो सिगरेटें बनाने के लिए आवश्यक तम्बाकू देश में ही पैदा होता है । कुछ विशिष्ट किस्मों की सिगरेटें बनाने में मिलावट के लिए 5 प्रतिशत से कम मात्रा में इसका आयात किया जाता है ।

विगत तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष इस प्रयोजन के लिए विदेशों से आयात की गई वर्जिनिया तथा फ्ल्यू कर्ड तंबाकू की मात्रा इस प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	मात्रा मी. टन में	मूल्य लाख रुपये में
1967-68	279	65.84
1968-69	133	30.77
1969-70 (दिसम्बर 1969 तक)

(ख) सिगरेटें बनाने वाली देशी तथा विदेशी कंपनियों की संख्या तथा उनका औसत विनियोजन इस प्रकार है :—

भारतीय कंपनियां	कंपनियां जिनमें विदेशी पूंजी अधिक है
संख्या 7	3*
औसत 60 लाख रुपये विनियोजन	540 लाख रुपये

*तीन कंपनियों के नाम तथा विदेशी इक्विटी