

The findings of the NCAER for all the States and Union Territories excluding Jammu and Kashmir and Andamans and Nicobars have already been published. On the basis of these surveys the State Governments/Union Territories themselves make proposals for industrial development. These proposals are discussed by the Working Groups formed in the Planning Commission at the time of the formulation of the Five Year Plans as well as the Annual Plans and decisions taken in respect of their inclusion in the Plans.

#### OPTICAL GLASS

696. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the optical glass plant at the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Calcutta, is now capable of meeting the entire requirements of both Defence and Civilian Sectors in respect of major type of optical glass ;

(b) if so, the production of major type of optical glass during the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 ;

(c) the consumption by the Defence and Civilian sectors during this period ;

(d) whether there has been any savings in the foreign exchange as a result thereof ; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the affirmative, the extent of the savings made ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

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697. श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री ना० कृ० शेजवलकर :

सरदार राम सिंह :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एस० एस० लाइट रेलवे में हाल में हुई तालाबन्दी के कारण उसके बहुत से कर्मचारी बेरोजगार हो गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस मार्ग पर गाड़ी चलना बन्द हो जाने से यात्रियों को यातायात में काफी असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई और उस का क्या परिणाम निकला ?

†[S. S. LIGHT RAILWAY

697. SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :

SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :

SARDAR RAM SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the recent lock-out in the S. S. Light Railway, a large number of its employees have been thrown out of employment ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the passengers on this route are facing a lot of inconvenience due to the suspension of train services on the Railway ; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard and the outcome thereof ?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा) : (क) एस० एस० लाइट रेलवे में तालाबन्दी उठा ली गयी है। किसी कर्मचारी को नौकरी से निकाला नहीं गया है।

(ख) और (ग) गाड़ियां फिर चलने लगी हैं इसलिए यह सवाल नहीं उठता।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) The lock out in the S. S. Light Railway has since been lifted. No employees have been thrown out of employment.

†[ ] English translation.

(b) and (c) This does not arise in view of the fact that the train services have been resumed.]

#### REVIEW OF IMPORT SUBSTITUTION POLICIES

698. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been reviewing the import substitution policies from time to time;

(b) if so, what is the assessment of the last review;

(c) whether it is proposed to consider the strategy of import substitution, industry-wise ; and

(d) if the answer of part (c) above be in the affirmative what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The drive for the import substitution is a continuous process and is under constant review. It covers almost the entire gamut of industry. As a result of the organised measures taken it has been possible to achieve a sizeable reduction in the import of components and raw materials in a number of industries. The saving in foreign exchange on this account during the year 1967 has been about Rs. 30 crores. It is expected that saving in foreign exchange as a result of import substitution measures will progressively increase from year to year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following measures are being taken to implement the import substitution programme in each of the industries :

(i) substitution of imported raw materials, components and spare parts with indigenously manufactured materials and components of same specifications or of comparable specifications ;

(ii) reduction in the consumption of imported raw material and components per unit of production;

(iii) progressive change over of production of chemicals and chemical products from intermediates to their production from basic raw materials ;

(iv) acceleration of phased manufacturing programmes to achieve a greater indigenous content in the shortest possible time ;

(v) more rigorous scrutiny of the request for capital goods imports with a view to ensuring that the plant and equipment etc. which are already being produced in the country or are likely to be produced in the near future, are not allowed to be imported;

(vi) instructions to the concerned authorities both in the Central and State Governments to associate the D. G. T. D. with the planning of the projects from the very early stages, to ensure that the items of equipment which are capable of being developed within the country are not allowed to be imported for lack of timely planning ; and

(vii) a scheme for giving encouragement to the work in the field of import substitution is also under operation under which awards are given to the individuals and institutions for bringing practical ideas for the developmental work in this field which should reduce the imports further.

#### PROTECTION TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

699. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a scheme for finding out some measure of initial protection to be given to small scale industries to save them from undue competition of large-scale undertakings ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?