

(c) The tractor manufacturers have been given necessary import licences for the import of capital goods. They have also been given licences for the import of adequate raw materials to manufacture components. The ancillary suppliers have likewise been given necessary assistance to manufacture components. The tractor manufacturers have recently been directed to achieve at least 95% indigenous content by 1st April, 1970.

INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

370. SHRI JA GAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to form an Indo-American Chamber of Commerce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for forming the Chamber?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

TRADE AGREEMENTS FOR MANUFACTURE OF SHOES AND LEATHER GARMENTS

371. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements have been finally signed between India and the USSR for setting up factories for the manufacture of shoes and leather garments; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreements ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उद्योगों में मंदी

372. श्री सुरज प्रसाद :

सरदार राम सिंह :

क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितने उद्योगों को मंदी के कारण संकट का सामना करना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) कितने उद्योगों की हालत में सुधार हुआ है और कितने उद्योगों को अब भी मंदी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ; और

(ग) मंदी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

t [RECESSION IN INDUSTRIES

372. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SARDAR RAM SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY A FA IRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industries in the country which are facing crisis due to recession;

(b) the number of industries which have shown improvement in their condition and the number of industries which are still facing recession; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to put an end to the recession ?]

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) मंदी से उद्योग का विस्तृत क्षेत्र प्रभावित हुआ किन्तु इन्जीनियरी/पूँजीगत वस्तु उद्योग जैसे मशीनी औजार, पोटबिल औजार, भट्टियाँ, मालगाड़ी के डिब्बे, इस्पाती ढाँचे, केबल, इस्पाती पाइप तथा ट्यूबों, इस्पात की ढलाई तथा व्यावसायिक गाड़ियाँ अपेक्षाकृत अधिक प्रभावित हुये।

(ख) बहुत से उद्योगों में सुधार के चिन्ह लक्षित हो रहे हैं जैसा कि औद्योगिक उत्पादन के सूचकांक से विदित हो जाता है जो कि 1960 के आधार मानते हुए 1967 में 151.6 से बढ़कर जून 1968 में 162.1 हो गया।

(ग) मंदी के प्रभाव को कम करने के लिये उठाए गए पगों में यथासम्भव अधिक से अधिक सीमा तक पूँजीगत वस्तुओं की मांग फिर से बढ़ाने, प्रभावित उद्योगों के निर्माण कार्यक्रम में विविध प्रकार की वस्तुओं के उत्पादन को प्राप्ताहित करने, सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी

[English translation.

दोनों ही क्षेत्रों के लिए विपणन की मजबूत व्यवस्था के जरिये नियमित निर्यात मण्डियों के विकास पर बल देने, उस सीमा तक आयात पर प्रतिबंध लगाने जहां तक देश की उत्पादन क्षमता से देशी मांग और विशेषरूप से इंजीनीयरी उत्पादों को फिर चेताने के लिए चुने हुए ऋण अभ्युपायों को अपनाने और सम्बन्धित प्राधिकारियों द्वारा अवाध बिजली सम्भरण के प्रयत्न सम्मिलित हैं।

[THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) The recession had affected a wide spectrum of industry though Engineering/Capital goods, industry such as Machine Tools, Portable tools, Furnaces, Railway Wagons, Steel structural, Gables, Steel pipes and tubes, Steel castings and Commercial vehicles, had been affected more than others.

(b) Most of the affected industries are showing signs of recovery as evidenced by the Index of Industrial Production rising to 162. i in June, 1968 from 151.6 in 1967 with 1960 as the Base.

(c) The steps taken to mitigate the effect of recession include the review of various developmental programmes with a view to reviving the demands of capital goods to the extent possible, encouraging diversification in the manufacturing programmes of the affected industries, emphasis on the development of regular export markets through stronger marketing structures both for the public and private sectors, banning of imports to the extent the indigenous capacity could meet the requirements, coupled with a review of imports already authorised but not irrevocably committed, taking of selective credit measures for reviving home demand especially for engineering products and the efforts by the concerned authorities to maintain uninterrupted power supplies to the extent possible.]

COTTON AND JUTE CORPORATIONS

373, SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :
SHRIBABUBHAIM. CHIN AI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 25 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 1968, and state :

[] English translation.

(a) whether Government have since set up two Corporations for the purchase of cotton and jute; and

(b) if so, the functions of the proposed Corporations and the places of their headquarters ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI OJURESHI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW S. T. C. ACTIVITIES

374- SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 358 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1968 and state:

(a) whether the Committee to review the activities of the State Trading Corporation has since completed its work;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted any report; and

(c) if so, the nature of the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI Q. URESHI) : (a) and (b) The S.T.C.'s Review Committee has submitted an interim report. Its final report may be expected before end of May, 1969.

(c) A copy of the interim report of the Committee has been placed on the Table of the House.

IMPORT OF NON-FERROUS METALS

375. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any communication in respect of the difficulties faced by the small-scale non-ferrous fabricators of West Bengal for the imports of non-ferrous metals; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken or proposed to be taken to mitigate their difficulties?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI OJURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have made arrangements for [sufficient imports of non-ferrous metals