

enquiries are being made in respect of simplifying the processes of Government at the Central level and the State level?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I do not know whether this arises out of this question. Anyhow, the report, I am sure, will be comprehensive.

EXPORT OF MANGANESE ORE ON BARTER BASIS BY A BOMBAY FIRM

•359. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bombay firm has been allowed to export 30,000 tons of manganese ore in exchange for terrylene cloth; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the name of the firm and the circumstances in which this barter arrangement was sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) and (b) The barter involves the export of about 1,00,000 tons of manganese ore of various grades including very low grades to the value of £ 7,50,000 against import of approximately 700 tons of polyester fibre and tops. No cloth or finished yarn is involved in the barter. Polyester fibre will substitute and replace the imports of raw wool to that extent which would have otherwise taken place, and would thus save us free foreign exchange on import of wool to the extent of about Rs. 97 lakhs. This is used for mixed wool yarn, hosiery manufacture, woollen and mixed textiles fabrics manufactures, knitted wear and sports wear manufacture where raw wool is the raw material.

The barter commodity was a difficult item to sell and fetched considerably higher price than the international price for these ores. The ICI will buy the manganese ore from several places including about 30,000 tons from M/s Shivrajpur Syndicate.

The transaction will be carried out by the State Trading Corporation.

SHRI A. D. MANI: To what country was the manganese ore exported? I should also like to ask whether Polyester fibre is not available in the country from indigenous sources.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Polyester fibre is not manufactured at all. It is a highly complex synthetic fibre. It will be produced at the end of three years by a project approved recently. So far as export of manganese ore is concerned, it is mostly to the U.K. and continental countries.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I would like to ask whether the Minister without Portfolio objected to this transaction.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Nobody has objected to the transaction. Different opinions can be held by different people.

नेपाल से भारतीय वस्तुओं का चीन को निर्यात

*३६०. श्री महाबीर दास : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान पटना से प्रकाशित हिन्दी दैनिक 'आर्यावर्त' के २४ जून, १९६२ के अंक में पृष्ठ ७ पर कालम ७ और ८ में 'नेपाल से भारतीय वस्तुओं का चीनी क्षेत्रों में निर्यात' शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस मामले में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

t [EXPORT OF INDIAN GOODS TO CHINA THROUGH NEPAL

*360, SHRI MAHABIR DASS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report pub-

t [] English translation.