

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Practically for all, broadly speaking. For 9 Indian languages they have done—they have prepared it for Tamil, Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi of course, and for three or four more important languages they are trying, and we hope that as soon as the entire key-board scheme is completed, practically in every Indian language we will have typewriters. I forgot to tell you. Recently typewriters for the Kannada language have also been made ready.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Is there any key-board for Urdu?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : वह तो पुराना है, वह तो है ।

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Is there any proposal for taking up the work of finding a key-board for the Oriya language also?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That also is being done. It will be done for all the Indian languages that find a place in our Constitution.

*512. [The questioner (Shri Dahyabhai V. Patel) was absent. For answer vide cols. 2884-85 infra.]

ग ने की खोई से रेयन लुगदी का निर्माण

*५१३. श्री राम सहाय : क्या आणित्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री ह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि :

(क) गन्ने की खोई से रेयन लुगदी बनाने की योजना किन कारणों से छोड़ दी गई है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ देशों में गन्ने की खोई को अखबारी कागज और रेयन लुगदी बनाने के काम में लाया जाय है और यदि हाँ, तो किन किन देशों में ?

†[MANUFACTURE OF RAYON GRADE PULP OUT OF BAGASSE

*513. **SHRI RAM SAHAI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the scheme to manufacture rayon grade pulp out of bagasse has been abandoned; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some countries, bagasse is utilised in the manufacture of newsprint and rayon grade pulp and if so, the names of those countries?]

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) So far there has been no scheme for the manufacture of rayon grade pulp based on bagasse, and the question of abandoning the same, does not arise.

(b) Bagasse has not so far been commercially utilized for manufacture of rayon grade pulp in any country, but it is being utilised for the manufacture of newsprint in Cuba.

‡[उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :

(क) गन्ने की खोई से रेयन ग्रेड की लुगदी बनाने के लिये अभी तक कोई योजना नहीं बनी है । इस कारण उसे छोड़ देने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ख) अभी तक किसी भी देश में रेयन ग्रेड की लुगदी बनाने के लिये गन्ने की खोई का व्यापारिक इस्तेमाल नहीं किया गया है । इसका उपयोग क्यूबा में अखबारी कागज बनाने के लिये किया जा रहा है ।]

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय से मैं यह जान सकूंगा कि गन्ने की खोई का सब से अच्छा उपयोग किस काम के लिये हो सकता है ?

† [] English translation.

‡ [] Hindi translation.

श्री मनुभाई शाह : कागज बनाने के लिये ।

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the full quantity of bagasse available in the country is made use of for manufacture of newsprint?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Not for newsprint actually—there are two factories coming up for newsprint from bagasse. There are eleven big factories, each with a capacity of 100 tons per day, coming up for the manufacture of white printing paper from bagasse.

OLD AGE PENSION TO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

*514. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for providing old age pension to industrial workers; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) A recommendation to this effect has been made by the Study Group on Social Security. The matter will be discussed at the next session of the Indian Labour Conference to be held on the 9th and 10th October, 1961.

(b) Copies of the Study Group's Report have been already laid on the Table of the House.

PRODUCTION OF RUBBER BLOWING/SPONGING AGENTS

*515. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of rubber blowing/sponging agents produced in the country annually; and

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(b) the steps taken by Government to help the indigenous production of these chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) About 20 tons.

(b) Several steps like technical guidance and advice, import of raw materials, protection and encouragement to indigenous production, restricted foreign imports have been taken and more steps are under consideration.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know, Sir, if a total ban on the import of this item will be taken into consideration in view of the increasing production in the country?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Well, that is always in our view, but this being a marginal and critical item required by various other industries also, no hasty step will be in the interests of the industry itself.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know, Sir, if the Ministry has ascertained that the full capacity of the installed plants in the country is made use of?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There are only two units and so the question does not arise. But there are many many types of those things—rubberised blowing and sponging materials—which are used in different industries, and therefore what our Kanpur firm produces is not adequate for all the different types of industries concerned, and yet we are taking steps to promote it.

CLOTH EXPORTS TO U.K.

*516. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licensing of cloth exports from India to the United Kingdom, under the three-year voluntary restrictive agreement, will