

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: We asked, because in the original proposal there was no indication of what will be the value, what will be the capacity, and so on. All the details were lacking.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: Are there any other proposals for manufacturing sheet-glass?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Several of them. As a matter of fact the country is more or less self-sufficient in sheet-glass and we are trying to export some of the sheet-glass.

#### GUARGUM FACTORIES IN INDIA

\*188. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and location of Guargum factories in India;

(b) the quantity of Guar used in those factories annually; and

(c) the quantity of Guargum exported during the years 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960 and the names of the countries to which it was exported?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) There are three factories in the Organised Sector:—

- (1) at Bhiwani in Punjab State;
- (2) at Bombay in Maharashtra State;
- (3) at Ahmedabad in Gujerat State.

(b) It is estimated as 16,000 tons based on 1960 production.

(c) A statement giving the exports is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

The item Guar Gum is not shown separately in the trade classification of the country and accordingly, the export figures of the commodity as desired by the member are not available. However, a statement showing the countrywise figures of quantities

of Guar Gum passed for shipment during 1958, 1959 and 1960 is given below. The countrywise figures for the year 1957 are not available and the total quantity passed for shipment is included in this statement:—

((Figures in tons.))

Destination	1957	1958	1959	1960
U.S.A.	. .	2603	4670	7247
Italy	. .	652	1722	2805
Holland	. .	135	959	1437
U.K.	. .	426	263	448
Spain	. .	125	969	340
Greece	. .	125	55	Nil
Switzerland	. .	20	162	152
West Germany	. .	Nil	5	Nil
Japan	. .	Nil	Nil	2
France	. .	Nil	Nil	65
TOTAL	*7088	4086	8805	12496

\*Countrywise figures are not available.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: The statement shows what quantities are annually exported. Is the hon. Minister aware that Guar is the staple food for cows and bullocks? If so, is not such a big export the cause of the deteriorating condition of the cattle?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: This is just a fraction of the Guar which grows both wildy and domestically, and it means such a lot of foreign exchange which is almost ten-fold the value of the guar seeds.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know the names of the owners of these factories?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The factories at Bhiwani and other places are owned by individual parties or joint stock companies and if the hon. Member wants those details, they can always be made available.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: May I know what is meant by guargum?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is a long leguminous vegetable plant which is eaten but a large part of it is wild and very rough and therefore the seed is taken out and from it starch and gum are taken, which are ten or twenty times the value of the original plant.

SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: In this respect, it does not mean the long thing, but it is the round bean.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is the seed in the long bean.

#### FRAUDULENT USE OF RENT RECEIPTS IN THE REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

\*189. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been some cases of fraudulent use of unused rent receipts in the Rehabilitation Department in Delhi or elsewhere;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the period during which such frauds were committed and by whom they were committed;

(c) the total amount involved in such frauds; and

(d) the relief Government propose to give to sufferers as a result of such frauds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF REHABILITATION (SHRI P. S. NASKAR):

(a) to (c) Cases have come to notice where rent collectors have committed frauds by not crediting amounts collected by them as rent into Government accounts. Action is taken to investigate such cases whenever they come to notice. However, the collection of information regarding the number of cases and the amounts involved since partition will involve considerable time and labour, not considered commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. If

the hon. Member can give particular instances, an effort will be made to collect the necessary information regarding the same.

(d) Each case is considered on merits and if it can be proved that rent was properly paid by the tenant, no further recovery is demanded from him, and loss, if any, is either recovered from the persons responsible or written off.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know how many persons were defrauded and the amount involved?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: My hon. colleague has answered that question. I will have to go into the question involving a number of offices spread throughout India over the last twelve or thirteen years and it will be very difficult for me to give the information. But I have had the figures collected of two offices in Delhi, the offices being the Regional Settlement Commissioner's Office and the Office of the Settlement Commissioner, Government-built Property. During the last eight or ten years, the total number of cases is about eight and the total amount involved comes to round about Rs. 32,000.

\*190. [The questioner (Shri P. N. Rajabhoj) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1175 infra.]

\*191. [The questioner (Shri Dahyabhai V. Patel) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1175-76 infra.]

\*192. [The questioner (Shri J. C. Chatterji) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1176-77 infra.]

#### USE OF A.I.R. BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES FOR ELECTION PROPAGANDA

\*193. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to provide broadcasting facilities to political