

(d) whether some of the articles manufactured by the factories mentioned in the article are exported to foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) to (d). The Government's attention has been drawn to the article in question which refers to the decline of artistic utensils industry in Delhi and makes a general suggestion that the industry needs encouragement. Actually the institutions looking after these industries are giving guidance, advice and assistance to continuously develop and improve these industries.

SCOOTER FACTORY IN MYSORE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

*34. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scooter factory is to be established in Mysore in the private sector;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what will be the production capacity of the factory and when the factory will go into production; and

(c) whether production is planned with technical co-operation of any foreign firm; if so, which is that firm?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) to (c) An application has been received under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up a factory in the private sector at Mysore for the manufacture of scooters in technical collaboration with a Czech firm. This is still under consideration. The firm is already implementing a scheme to manufacture motor cycles in Mysore with Czech collaboration.

FALL IN THE SALE OF KHADI AND ACCUMULATION OF KHADI STOCKS

*35. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady fall in the sale of khadi in recent months with the result that there has been accumulation of khadi stocks;

(b) if so, what is the total cost of such accumulated khadi stocks and what measures Government are taking for its early disposal; and

(c) whether it has resulted in unemployment in villages?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) to (c) A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) There has been no fall in the sale of Khadi. The sale of Khadi has not, however, kept pace with its increasing production and this has resulted sometimes in the accumulation of Khadi stocks. The total value of accumulated stocks of Khadi is estimated to be about Rs. 5 crores. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission sanctioned an additional rebate of 6 nP. in a rupee on the sale of cotton Khadi during the period 11th September to 14th November, 1960, with a view to clear accumulated stocks of Khadi. This has enabled the Commission to clear most of the accumulated stocks.

Besides this, the Khadi institutions and the Commission have undertaken an intensive drive for the sales of Khadi and also improve and standardise the quality of Khadi production.

(c) No, Sir, as production centres have not been much affected.

*36. [Transferred to the 5th December, 1960.]