

(b) if so, whether the equipment and high tensile steel for the purpose are being imported?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Although the manufacture of pre-stressed reinforced concrete products is being done mostly in the Private Sector, the Hindustan Housing Factory, New Delhi, has evolved various pre-stressed concrete designs to replace steel products as well as reinforced steel structurals and production is under way.

(b) For pre-stressing technique no special equipment is required to be imported. High tensile wire is, however, imported.

PUBLICATION OF 'AKASHVANI' IN MARATHI

*208. SHRI LALJI PENDSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a private agency has offered to publish 'Akashvani' in Marathi;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the offer and if not, why not; and

(c) whether the offer still stands or whether Government are proposing to publish the journal in Marathi themselves?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal, along with the general question of programme journal in the remaining languages, is under consideration.

EXPORT OF SHOES TO POLAND AND U.S.S.R.

*209. { SHRI V. K. DHAGE:
SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousand pairs of shoes manufactured for export to Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are now

lying with the National Small Industries Corporation; and

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The National Small Industries Corporation has 54,594 pairs of surplus shoes fabricated against the order received from Russia and about 14,000 pairs produced against the order from Poland.

The surplus production in the case of the Russian order was due to anticipation of repeat orders from that country. So far as the Polish order was concerned, the 14,000 pairs were produced according to the original samples accepted by the buyers. On arrival of Polish buyers' Inspector in India, he suggested certain basic alterations which could not be incorporated in shoes already produced. In the interest of business, therefore, it was considered advisable to concentrate on fresh production according to the suggestions of the buyers' representative rather than to insist on acceptance of what had been produced earlier.

It may be added that steps have already been taken by the National Small Industries Corporation to dispose of these shoes. Negotiations are going on with the Russian authorities, who have started the inspection of these shoes. Negotiations are also proceeding with other East European countries for sale of these shoes which are of good quality. The balance, if any, which may be left after these sales, will be sold in the internal market. No financial loss is expected in the whole transaction.

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