

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, how far the reduction in excise duty has caused this accumulation?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It cannot be correlated because the accumulation is dated long before the reduction in duties.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how far this accumulation is for the coarse cloth?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: We do not keep variety-wise figures for handloom cloth.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Just as some relief is offered to mills, may I know whether Government contemplates some relief to be given to the handloom industry?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: There is no excise duty. Therefore, there cannot be any relief.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is it a fact that the accumulation is on the increase and if so, what are the reasons?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, I cannot say it is very much on the increase. But production is also on the increase and the step we have taken is, for two months we have given an extra rebate to clear all stocks.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is it a fact that the lag between production and consumption is increasing?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is not increasing, I should say, because you cannot judge it until the fast-moving season comes along.

PUBLICATION OF LABOUR LITERATURE IN HINDI

*174. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to publish labour literature in Hindi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): Hindi versions of Labour literature of general interest are being published from time to time.

SHRI AMDLAKH CHAND: May I know the names of the items of Labour literature which are made in Hindi?

SHRI ABID ALI: The annual report of the Ministry of Labour and Employment; the summary of the annual report of the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the annual report of the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund etc.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know if all the Labour laws have been printed in Hindi?

SHRI ABID ALI: Not by the Centre, Sir.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is any effort being made in that direction, Sir?

SHRI ABID ALI: Not at present.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: When is the Ministry going to take up this matter, Sir?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: It is a matter for consideration.

PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICERS

*175. **SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by different Regional Passport Officers during each month of the year 1957-58; and

(b) the number of passports issued and the number of applications for the issue of passports rejected by each Regional Passport Officer during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). A