

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that about 30,000 *kuchha* shops are there in these four States mentioned by me in my question?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I am making enquiries. The Governments of Bombay and Madhya Pradesh have said that they have not constructed any *kucha* stalls themselves. The report from the Government of Rajasthan has not been received. But as far as this Ministry is concerned, in these four States we have constructed about 14,000 shops and stalls ourselves.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that the occupants today demand permission to build *pucca* shops there?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: In certain places very valuable and important sites have been squatted upon. I may refer to the case of Dhobi Talao in Bombay which is next to the Fort area. It has been the desire of the D.P.s. there that those shops may be converted into permanent ones but the Government of Bombay was not agreeable to it.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: There are a number of alternative places which are demanded and which have not been given to them and which are not so very valuable.

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: In the last ten years every request made by displaced persons or their organisations in India has been fully considered and where alternative sites could be made available have been made available. We have constructed, Sir, roughly two lakh units in the Western Region—the Ministry of Rehabilitation themselves and the State Governments.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that in most cases the owners of these *kucha* shops are willing to put up their own *pucca* shops at their own cost?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: We at one time received a request for

putting up shops even on Queensway but we did not agree to it.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: These *kucha* shops contain very valuable material by way of textiles and other things which easily catch fire. Recently in Rajasthan in Bikaner some of these shops of the refugees caught fire and they lost valuable goods costing thousands of rupees. What is the Government's policy in regard to giving them *pucca* shops so that the refugees may not be rendered further helpless?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: I do not know the position about Bikaner. But I do know the position in Jaipur. In the main bazaar itself a very large number of '*khokhas*' have been put up and from every point of view they are not desirable to be made permanent there. So, on whatever sites that could be made available in Jaipur, either in the near vicinity of the town or outside, we have constructed a number of shops. As far as Bikaner itself is concerned, last time, about Diwali, I heard that a fire had taken place and from my discretionary grant I made some relief available.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Not only at the time of Diwali, but only about three weeks ago some shops caught fire and they are going round in the city and the people are rendering them help. Has the Government done anything in regard to this recent fire?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: This incident has been brought to my notice only now for the first time and if I find that there is some genuine distress I will help them by giving them some relief.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FAIRS FOR PROMOTING EXPORTS

*168. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to give more attention to export promotion effort in International Fairs; and

(b) if so, which are the Fairs and Exhibitions in which they propose to participate in the year 1958 and what are the goods they propose to exhibit there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XXI, Annexure No. 18.]

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know, Sir, the expenditure to be incurred in this respect?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The budget for the year 1958-59 is something like Rs. 53-96 lakhs.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Have such fairs been held in the past?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. It has been held in many places, and we have got to calculate according to the size and type of exhibition we want. It ranges from a few lakhs to almost ten lakhs.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: I want to know whether the holding of such fairs has resulted in the promotion of exports and how far?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: It is very difficult to assess it quantitatively. But the fact that the exports are holding the field and new lines are being brought into the export market proves that these have given result.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Do Government propose to book orders at these fairs, if they happen to receive enquiries, etc.?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Enquiries are passed on to the appropriate parties.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know whether private industrialists are encouraged to participate in these fairs?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know whether any subsidy is given to them for participation in such fairs?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No subsidy.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether Government have put up any permanent show houses, besides participating in these fairs, for the promotion of exports?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. The statement shows about thirty show windows and show cases in different countries. "

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is it a fact that foreign exchange has been very liberally granted to those private industrialists who are participating in these fairs and they are squandering it also?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No, Sir.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: How far have they been helpful in earning foreign exchange by exports?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: They have been helpful; I have said that earlier.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know the extent,

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The very fact that we are keeping on the figures of our exports in spite of recession in the international trade is a proof; and quantitatively assessing it is rather difficult.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lai Bahadur, you wanted to say something.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I merely wanted to say that this method of participating in foreign exhibitions is, I am sure, going to help us much in the promotion of exports. I might inform the hon. Member that many countries like Japan, East Germany, West Germany, Czechoslovakia, etc.

are holding exclusively their own exhibitions in other countries. And Japan had sent a floating fair, an exhibition in a ship, round the world. So other countries are also adopting this technique and I am sure what we are doing would also be useful.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I say that I am not opposed to these exhibitions being held? What I want to know is as to how far this has helped us in earning foreign exchange and what improvements we are making in the holding of these fairs so that more foreign exchange may be earned. That was my point.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I have said that it is difficult to assess it quantitatively. But the very fact that our exports are holding on and new items are being exported proves that these fairs have helped us.

TRAINING-CUM-PRODUCTION AND DEMONSTRATION-CUM-SERVICE CENTRES FOR HANDICRAFTS

•169. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned schemes for setting up training-cum-production and demonstration-cum-service centres for different handicrafts; and

(b) if so, what are the places where such centres are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) A number of schemes for setting up of training-cum-production centres for different handicrafts have been sanctioned during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58. It is proposed to set up a few more training-cum-production centres during the year 1958-59. I statement showing the places where these centres are located is laid out in the Table of the House. No scheme

for setting up of demonstration-cum-service centres has been sanctioned. [See Appendix XXI, Annexure No. 19.]

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know, Sir, as to what has been the assistance given to these various training-cum-production centres in various places?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: In 1956-57, grants Rs. 6,05,118; loans Rs. 75 300. In 1957-58, grants, Rs. 4,05,000; loans Rs. 88,200.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know, Sir, as to what is the difference between 1956-57 training-cum-production centre for bamboo industry at Guntakal and also a similar scheme in 1957-58?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There is no difference. In some cases it is expansion of the existing one. As a matter of fact, in 1958-59, we are now reorienting it; as a result of reorientation of the policy followed in the last two years, we want to consolidate these centres which have already been approved and start only very few new ones, so that the fullest advantage is taken of the existing schemes.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: I wanted to know whether there is need for two centres being promoted.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is expansion of the same centre.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if these trainees in these centres are given any stipend by the Government?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Yes Sir. It varies from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 per month.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: The statement shows that there is no such training cum-production centre in the State of Bombay, except in one place. May I know as to why that has been the case?