

goods more and more in view of the exchange position that we are in?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Apart from the promotion work which is done by the Promotion Councils, Government maintain within its means some trade representatives in various countries, and also recently we are having a scheme of inspection for ensuring quality of export commodities.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Recently, some thirty Australian members of trade led by Mr. Hurley came to India and went back and they said in Australia that they had booked some orders from India. May I know whether Government is sending our members of trade to foreign countries and will Government provide foreign exchange for their travel, and will Government give an assurance that if they reap any benefits or fruits they will not be taken away by the State Trading Corporations?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The question assumes too many things. Of course within means and within conveniences delegations are sent out and also facilities are provided.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: In view of the larger industrial production is the Government thinking of setting up Export Promotion councils for all such articles where the production is more than required by the country?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That is the objective of the Government provided the trade is agreeable to it, because the trade has got to contribute a certain amount of expenses.

SHRI P. D. HIMATSINGKA: Have the Government received reports from the trade delegations that some of their trade advisers are not up to the mark, that they are not useful, and that they do not keep any information about Indian goods for export?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: My information does not tally with that of the hon. Member.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKER-JEE: To what extent the export of jute manufactures has been affected seriously by such conditions?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Nothing very particular at the moment.

STEPS TAKEN TO INCREASE SALE OF COMMODITIES

•15. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply-given to Starred Question No. 584 and 209 in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th September and the 6th December 1956, respectively and state the amount proposed to be spent on the steps to be taken to increase the sale of coir goods within and outside India?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): The Government of India have earmarked a sum of Rs. 4,30,000 to be spent by the Coir Board during 1957-58, for taking steps to increase the sale of coir goods within and outside India.

SHRI RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, what particular steps are proposed to be taken in this respect outside India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: We are contemplating to send a delegation to the United States, Canada and Britain very soon.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know whether there is any Export Promotion Council for coir goods or not?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No, Sir. The Coir Board itself functions as promoters of exports.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know if Government have taken any steps to popularise coir goods by putting them in the Government emporiums or in the State emporiums or outside India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: We have opened a sales depot in Delhi, and three depots in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras are going to be opened very soon.

PILOT PROJECT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF WOODEN TOYS AT BOMBAY

*16. **DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish a pilot project for the manufacture of wooden toys at Bombay;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up and what will be the total cost involved, both recurring and non-recurring; and

(c) whether any foreign experts have been called or are proposed to be called for giving training for the manufacture of wooden toys?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Such a pilot production Centre has already been set up and has started functioning from the 1st November 1956. The total cost estimated up to the 31st March 1958 is as follows:—

	Rs.
(i) Recurring	58,000
(ii) Non-recurring	9,400
TOTAL	67,400

(c) No, Sir.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know the total worth of goods that have so far been produced?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I have no information of the exact amount produced so far, but it is estimated that over a period of a year the sales proceeds would amount to Rs. 42,000.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any scheme for having any mechanical toys apart from these wooden toys?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: At present we have not got any.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know why Bombay city was selected for this project instead of Sawantwadi and other places in the very State where beautiful toys are being manufactured for the last so many years?

* **SHRI N. KANUNGO:** Actually this proposal was sponsored by the Handicrafts Board and they are operating it.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how far it is going to affect thousands of village workers that produce these toys all over India and in Bombay State also?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I understand that instead of affecting anybody it will increase the potential sales.

श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि कितने लाख के खिलौने हम प्रतिवर्ष इम्पोर्ट करते हैं ?

श्री नित्य नन्द कानूनगो : अभी उसका ब्योरा हमारे पास नहीं है। इस क्वेश्चन का नोटिस देंगी तो यह ब्योरा दें देंगे।

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any financial assistance is given to Andhra Pradesh for the manufacture of wooden toys at Kondapalli?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, I believe—I am not sure—the Handicrafts Board have got a scheme working in Kondapalli.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Do Government propose to help and improve the wooden toys of Banaras and other places which have an old market in India and what steps are being taken to train those experts?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, I have not got the exact information, but as far as I know, the Handicrafts Board