

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि स योजना से कितने लोगों को नौकरी अथवा धंधा मिलेगा ?

श्री आबिद अली : मैं पहले अर्ज किया कि उम्मीद है कि १०,००० आदमी काम सीखेंगे। अभी यह काम शुरू किया गया है और जितना-जितना यह बढ़ता जायगा उतने ही ज्यादा पढ़े-लिखे नौजवान इस काम में लगेंगे, ऐसी उम्मीद की जाती है।

DR. P. C. MITRA: What are the trades in which training is being given, for how many trades training is given, and what is the duration of the training period?

श्री आबिद अली : अच्छा तो यह होगा कि जो हमारे सदस्य इस काम को अच्छी तरह समझना चाहते हैं वे यहाँ से बहुत नज़दीक पूसा इंस्टीट्यूट में जाकर देख सकते हैं। इससे वे भी समझ जायेंगे कि क्या क्या सिखाया जाता है और सीखने और सिखाने वालों का भी होसला बढ़ेगा।

DR. P. C. MITRA: What are the subjects?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: Wood-work, house wiring, maintenance and servicing of household electric appliances, building construction, light mechanics, repairs, etc.

BISCUIT INDUSTRY IN INDIA

*161. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in the country in regard to the requirements of consumption and export of biscuits manufactured in India as compared to the productive capacity of the industry; and

(b) the extent to which this industry is capable of standing foreign competition?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH):

	Per year (Tons)
Installed production capacity in the organised sector.	35,700
Actual production in organised units during 1956.	12,500
Actual production in small units.	Not known
Consumption	No reliable estimate is available. It is, however, certain that the consumption exceeds the output of the organised units.

(b) In view of the prohibition of imports, there is no question of foreign competition in the internal market. Indian biscuits do not, however, yet withstand competition of other countries, in foreign markets, and as such there have not been any sizable exports.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether it is not a fact that Indian biscuit manufacturers represented to Government asking the banning of imports of biscuits?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: As I said, imports are totally banned during the last six monthly period—from January to June.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether quality biscuits made in India compare favourably with imported biscuits?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Very much so.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: What are the materials used in making biscuits?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: They are all obvious things—wheat flour, cream, butter, vitamins, various types of essences, sugar, etc.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: May I know how much foreign capital there is in the biscuit factories that are working in India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Practically none except in one or two, like Britannia and Parle.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether at this stage we are exporting any biscuits?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: We have made a little effort and exported about Rs. 20,000 worth of biscuits.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know the reasons for the full production capacity not being utilised?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: As soon as the country starts consuming more, all the available capacity will be utilised.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know whether we are not able to export biscuits on account of quality or on account of the price competition, and have the biscuit manufacturers asked the Government for giving drawback of the excise duty on sugar?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is really a very important question, and we are studying it at the moment. A drawback of the excise duty is permitted in all cases of export. The main reason is that production is rather small in the country. Then we started the manufacturing of biscuits only very recently, and naturally the other countries in the world which are habituated to biscuits have been producing for a number of years. We have just made a beginning, and we are trying to give an export promotion fillip to this, but it may not materialise in very substantial quantities because of the several factors which I have already mentioned.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: Are there any foreign experts

working in the biscuit factories and what is their number?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The art of biscuit manufacturing is very well known to our Indian manufacturers, and we do not have any foreign capital invested in them except in Britannia and Parle Biscuits and others, where they have only technical experts as and when required.

VALUE OF STANDARD ACRE

*162. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of the displaced persons have made representations to Government regarding the low value of the standard acre taken; and

(b) what is the present value of the standard acre and what are the figures suggested by the Bakshi Tekchand Committee as the proper value for the standard acre?

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION AND MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) Yes. Representations were received in the past.

(b) The Bakshi Tekchand Committee had expressed certain views for consideration by Government. The matter was considered by Government in consultation with the Advisory Board, of which Bakshi Tekchand was the Chairman, and the final decision taken, which had the approval of the Advisory Board, was incorporated in rule 56 of the Compensation Rules, as passed by Parliament.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know what is the amount of compensation for a standard acre that has been given to displaced persons?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: It is all given in rule 56 which has been passed by this very House. It