

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 17th December 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Mehr Chand Khanna (West Bengal).

2. Shrimati Lila Devi (Himachal Pradesh).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

फोर्ड फाउंडेशन के श्री हैरी जे०

राबिन्सन द्वारा किया गया कार्य

*३००. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्थूल उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि फोर्ड फाउंडेशन की ओर से भारत में आये हुए श्री हैरी जे० राबिन्सन ने अब तक कितना कार्य सम्पन्न कर लिया है और उनकी सलाह व प्रयत्नों से भारत को किस प्रकार तथा कितना लाभ हुआ है ?

†[WORK DONE BY MR. HARRY J. ROBINSON OF THE FORD FOUNDATION.

*300. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the work so far done by Mr. Harry J. Robinson who has come to India on behalf of the Ford Foundation and the manner in which and the extent to which India has been benefited by his advice and work?]

स्थूल उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह): श्री राबिन्सन इस वर्ष के जनवरी महीने से आर्थिक सलाहकार के रूप में काम कर रहे हैं। उनका मुख्य काम भारतीय फर्मों और अमरीकी फर्मों के बीच औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में सहयोग बढ़ाना है। उन्होंने बहुत सी भारतीय फर्मों का उपयुक्त अमरीकी फर्मों से सम्पर्क भी करा दिया है। सभी बातों से प्रतीत होता है कि उनका काम लाभदायक सिद्ध हो रहा है, हालांकि अभी उसका अन्तिम रूप से मूल्यांकन करना समय से पहले की ही बात होगी।

†[THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): Mr. Robinson has been working since January this year as an Economic Consultant whose main function is to promote collaboration between Indian firms and firms in the U.S.A. in the industrial field. A good number of Indian firms have been put in contact with suitable American parties by him and from all indications it seems that his work is proving useful though it would be premature to make any final assessment at this stage.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सरकार को सूचना है कि इन्होंने कितनी फर्मों को सहायता दी है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : अब तक ६ हिन्दुस्तानी फर्मों को और तीन अमेरिकन फर्मों को सहायता दी है और ६० हिन्दुस्तानी कम्पनियों की उनसे बातचीत हो रही है।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : उन्होंने हिन्दुस्तानी कम्पनियों को कितनी पूँजी प्राप्त करायी है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : मैंने अभी कहा कि it will be too early to assess it at this stage.

*301 to *303. [For answer, vide cols. 2704-08 and 2709-12 infra.]

DELIVERY OF WEST PAKISTAN CEMENT TO EAST PAKISTAN

*304. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has received recently any request from the Government of Pakistan for the delivery of the entire quantity of cement to be supplied to India by West Pakistan to East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI MANUBHAI

SHAH): (a) and (b). Pakistan Government proposed that out of the quantity of cement supplied by them to India on the Western border, a small proportion should be supplied by India to East Pakistan. This proposal has been accepted.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, under what conditions this proposal has been accepted?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: A part of the quantity that they will supply to us, we shall pass on to East Pakistan at the price of Rs. 102 per ton.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the order placed by the Government of India with the Industrial Development Corporation of Pakistan for supply of cement has been honoured by the Corporation?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Yes, Sir. It is being honoured and the terms have been finalised.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, how much cement has been received?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: So far, Sir, a small quantity of 7 thousand tons has come, and more is expected very soon.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: At what rate this cement has been supplied?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There are different terms and conditions for different quantities from time to time. The latest is Rs. 102 per ton.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact, Sir, that the internal price of cement in Pakistan was fixed at Rs. 75 per ton, and it was supplied to other foreign countries at Rs. 82 per ton, and they have fixed an indiscriminate price for India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is not quite a fact. The price has varied from time to time. We look to the price that we are paying for foreign cement from other countries, and if the trans-

action is favourable to us, we accept it.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether there was any condition precedent that out of the total quantity of cement received from West Pakistan the whole or any part will be supplied to East Pakistan?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Sir, that is merely a friendly gesture because of the difficulty of transport and the neighbourhood of certain factories. The Pakistan Government proposed that out of the quantity of cement supplied by them on the Western border, some proportion should be supplied to East Pakistan, and that proposal has been accepted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 'BOOK RATE' COMMITTEE

*305. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the "Book Rate" Committee; and

(b) what action Government propose to take on those recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). A statement giving details of the recommendations of the Book Committee is laid on the Table of the Sabha. The Committee's Report is still under consideration.

STATEMENTS

Recommendations of the 'Book Committee' are as follows:—

Recommendations

1. *Definition.*—The expression 'book' may be defined as follows:—

- (i) It shall consist either wholly or in great part of reading matter, painting, photographs, diagrams or such other figures or intelligible matter, with or without incidental blank spaces for student's notations.