

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I ask as to whether the hon. Minister knows that in the shoe industry, the opening of shops by the Bata Company has adversely affected many small retailers of shoe?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You ask, "Is it a fact?"

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Yes, Sir, I want to know whether the Minister agrees with it.

SHRI M. M. SHAH: No, Sir. The observations are not quite correct and there has been no complaint from the shoe trade of the retail type to the effect that this is affecting their interests adversely the Bata Company shops are confined to only their products.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: The dealers of paper in the City of Calcutta are faced with competition from the paper manufactures with the result that the readers at large, the consumers are very badly hit by the scarcity of paper created due to artificial conditions.

SHRI M. M. SHAH: This question does not arise out of the question put on the Order Paper at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then do not answer it.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: In reply to Mr. Kishen Chand, the hon. Minister stated that the Government have received no complaints from the retailers but did the Government invite complaints from the traders?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you mean to say that Government should invite complaints?

SHRI S. MAHANTY: No, Sir, but how then the Government can say that they have received no complaint?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there is discontent, people are there like you who will bring it to the notice of Government.

TRANSFORMER FACTORY IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*499. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a transformer factory has been started in Travancore-Cochin;

(b) if so, what is the production capacity of the factory; and

(c) how much is being produced now?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a), (b) and (c). A firm in Travancore-Cochin has been licensed under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for the manufacture of transformers with a capacity of 10,000 KVA per annum. The firm is likely to go into production towards the end of this year.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether the whole of the share capital has been subscribed?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: A large portion has been subscribed according to the information with Government.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any other factories which will be producing transformers along with this factory? Will the combined production be not enough for our purposes? Will we be self-sufficient?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: At present, there are sixteen factories and they have been licensed for the production of 1.31 million KVA. The anticipated demand during the Second Five Year Plan is 1.5 million KVA and, with the establishment of the Bhopal Electrical Equipment plant we hope to be more than self-sufficient in regard to most of the categories of transformers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether any Central assistance has been given to this factory?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: No, Sir.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know whether any transformers were imported from outside.

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Yes, Sir, transformers worth Rs. 1.75 crores per annum were imported last year.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know when they will be able to reach the target that they have before them?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: I have already said, Sir, that we hope to be more than self-sufficient during the second Five Year Plan period in most of the categories.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: It is a little too vague, spread over a period of five years. May I know as to when they hope to reach the figure that they have set before themselves?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: As a matter of fact, at no time in near future would we be self-sufficient in all categories of transformers but in the majority of units we expect that we will reach the targeted production in the next three years.

REDUCTION OR ABOLITION OF EXPORT DUTIES IN ORDER TO ASSIST EXPORTS

*500. MOULANA M. FORUQI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the cases in which export duties were reduced/abolished in order to assist exports during 1955-56; and to what extent?

THE MINISTER FOR TRADE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 81.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آنریبل منسٹر
یہ بتلانے کی تکلیف کریں گے کہ ایکسپورٹ
دuty میں کمی کرنے سے گورنمنٹ کو
کتنا نقصان ہوا ?

† [मौलाना एम० फारूकी: क्या आनरेबल
मिनिस्टर यह बताने की तकलीफ करेंगे कि एक्स-
पोर्ट ड्यूटी में कमी करने से गवर्नमेंट को कितना
नुकसान हुआ ?]

श्री डी०पी० करमरकर: नुकसान हम नहीं बता सकते हैं क्योंकि कितना बाहर एक्सपोर्ट हुआ और कितनी ड्यूटी उस पर लगी उसका अंदाजा हम नहीं कर सकते। अगर ज्यादा इत्तिला चाहिए तो फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री से आप हासिल कर सकते हैं।

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Was duty on cloth export also reduced?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir, the statement gives information about cloth also. As my hon. friend knows quite well, on coarse and medium cloth the duty was reduced.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether there are any reciprocal arrangements by which other countries give us the same facilities as we are extending to them in regard to export?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am afraid the hon. Member is mixing up the question of reduction of export duty with GATT under which there are mutual arrangements by which there are respective reductions of duty by way of helping the foreign countries.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know whether export duty on coffee is abolished?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: There is no duty on coffee since 30-6-55.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: On what commodities were export duties reduced?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I have laid a Statement on the Table of the House and if you permit me, Sir, I can read it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please do not.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is only two pages, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can read it later on, if necessary.

गृह-उद्योगों के पैमाने पर वैज्ञानिक यंत्रों का निर्माण

* ५०१. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गृह उद्योगों के पैमाने पर किन किन वैज्ञानिक यंत्रों का निर्माण करने का विचार है, और

(ख) क्या कोई वैज्ञानिक यंत्र बनाये जा चके हैं; और यदि हां तो वे क्या हैं; और यदि नहीं तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

†[MANUFACTURE OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ON COTTAGE INDUSTRY SCALE

*501. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the scientific instruments that are proposed to be manufactured on cottage industry scale; and