

PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF STATE CONCERNS IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

TSHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: *350.<{ SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-(RAO:

Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals for the expansion of the following State concerns in the Travancore-Cochin State during the Second Five Year Plan period:

- (i) Shark Liver Oil Factory,
- (ii) Ceramic Factory,
- (iii) Travancore Rubber Works and
- (iv) Travancore Mineral Concerns ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed expansions?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIV, Annexure No. 41.]

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

♦351. MOULANA M. FARUQI : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Czechoslovakian Government have invited the Government of India to participate in the Czechoslovakian Industrial Exhibition (to be held in autumn this year; and

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the invitation?

THE MINISTER FOR TRADE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise..

I would like to add however under (a) that we are now organising to hold an Indian Exhibition at Prague which is scheduled to take place during the period 6th to 26th September.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know why, when they are having an exhibition of their own, we should not participate in it and why we should think of having an independent exhibition of our own?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: So far as our knowledge goes, there is no international exhibition anywhere in Czechoslovakia during the current year. Therefore we have thought it fit to organise our own exhibition.

*352. [The questioner (Shri Ratanlal Kishorilal Malviya) was absent. For answer vide col. 1780 infra.]

DISCUSSION WITH WORLD BANK MISSION ON AMBAR CHARKHA PROGRAMME

353. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had any discussion with the three-man World Bank Mission about the feasibility of the Ambar Charkha Programme and the resources necessary for the implementation of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what views have been expressed thereon by the Mission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views of the Mission on these issues are contained in their informal memorandum on "Indian Economic Problems and Policies" which was placed on the Table of the House on August 16, 1956.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I take it that they have taken kindly to our programme of Ambar Charkha and that they have no misgivings about it and that the reasons advanced by the Ministry that it is necessary in the interest of the Indian rural economy was convincing to them?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: As the hon. Member would find from the memorandum which has been placed on the Table of the House, they have expressed a certain amount of scepticism about the whole programme of village or small scale industries. They had also expressed their doubts about Ambar Charkha in their talk with the Minister for Planning.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether a German expert was not recently consulted by the Khadi Board itself and he has also expressed some doubts about this?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Some German experts were invited and it was suggested by the Chairman of the Khadi