

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Sir, I think almost 70 to 75 per cent. of the timber exploited in the Andamans is going to U. K.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a statement, not a question.

मॉरीशस निवासी व्यापारियों को सुविधाएं

*४८४. श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मॉरीशस निवासी व्यापारियों को सरकार व्यापार की कोई विशेष सुविधाएं दे रही हैं ; और

(ख) क्या इन व्यापारियों में ऐसे भी व्यक्ति हैं जो पाकिस्तान का नागरिक होने का दावा करते हैं ?

†[FACILITIES GIVEN TO TRADERS IN MAURITIUS]

*485. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are according any special trade facilities to the traders living in Mauritius; and

(b) whether such traders include persons who claim to be Pakistani citizens?]

बैंगलोर का उद्योग (श्री अनिल के. चन्दा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) इस उपनिवेश के लगभग सभी बड़े बड़े मुस्लिम व्यापारी, हिन्दू व्यापारियों की तरह, ब्रिटिश नागरिक बन चुके हैं ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) No.

(b) Almost all important Muslim traders of the Colony are, like their Hindu counterparts, British naturalised subjects.]

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Have the Government received any

†English translation.

reports to the effect that the Pakistani traders who have been granted certain facilities there are indulging in anti-social activities by rousing communal feelings against Indians?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: On the whole, Sir, the Muslim traders there maintain good relations with our commission.

PAPER MANUFACTURING FACTORY AT DANDELI

*486. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any paper manufacturing factory is proposed to be started at Dandeli in the North Kanara district of the Bombay State;

(b) if so, whether any foreign capital is likely to be invested in that factory; and

(c) whether the Central Government will give any assistance; and if so, what kind of assistance is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Apart from the usual facilities in connection with the import of machinery, chemicals, etc., no special assistance is proposed to be given by the Central Government.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, is it true that the concession to exploit the North Kanara forest and to set up a factory was given to one Shri Chaudhury some time ago by the Bombay State? May I also know, Sir, how much he has been paid, and when the proposed factory is coming into operation? May I also know, Sir, whether he will be an employee? If so, how much is he going to draw per month?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: There have been some concessions given by the Bombay Government, the exact nature of which is not known to us.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know whether there are any M.Ps. or ex-M. Ps. as directors of the proposed factory? If so, may I know their names?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: We do not know of any M. Ps. who are directors of the company.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, is it not a fact that Mr. G. D. Somani, M.P. and Mr. Ram Nath Podar, an ex-M.P., are directors? Are the Government not aware of that?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Government are not aware of that, because we have been dealing with Mr. A. D. Chaudhury, who has obtained the licence.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know whether the Government ever propose to exploit the North Kanara forest and set up a factory on their own, since there is so much scarcity of paper, and the Nepa mills have also been taken over by the Government?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Forests are exploited by the State Governments. And in this case, the Bombay Government are primarily responsible for exploiting the forest.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: How far has the Government moved towards the setting up of a State Trading Corporation to sell paper?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That is not necessary, because most of the requirements are met from indigenous sources and from imports.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is the Government aware that the Finance Ministry has mooted a proposal to set up a State Trading Corporation to sell the paper produced in the mills in this country?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The Government is not aware of it

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know whether Shri Chaudhury has filed the Prospectus with the Government?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: That must be with the Registrar.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: Sir, may I know how many paper factories are running in this country?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I require notice for that question.

आसाम से पूर्वी पाकिस्तान को इमारती लकड़ी का निर्यात

*४५७. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५५ के साल में कुल कितनी इमारती लकड़ी आसाम से पूर्व पाकिस्तान को निर्यात की गई ;

(ख) ऐसे निर्यात का कुल मूल्य क्या है ;

(ग) क्या आसाम से पूर्व पाकिस्तान को इमारती लकड़ी का निर्यात करने के लिए व्यापारियों को कोई विशेष सुविधाएं दी जाती हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो वे सुविधाएं क्या हैं ?

†[EXPORT OF TIMBER FROM ASSAM TO EAST PAKISTAN]

*487. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of timber exported from Assam to East Pakistan during the year 1955;

(b) the total value of such exports;

(c) whether the timber merchants are given any special facilities for exporting timber from Assam to East Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the nature of such facilities?

†English translation.