

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: This one, as I said.

SHRI B. RATH: In which area did -they take this film?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Sonapat.

SHRI B. RATH: What was the subject on which the film was taken?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Village life.

SHRI B. RATH: What parts of village life were shown in that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

SHRI B. RATH: Because, Sir, the pictures taken depicted some village scenes also. I wanted to know which other pictures of village life were also taken.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: They went to the various fields where the improved method of agriculture was being adopted and they also recorded village life scenes right from the morning, going to the fields, ploughing in the fields, coming back, having *harikathas* and so on. These were the various scenes depicted or recorded.

PROF. G. RANGA: With reference to the answer given by the hon. Minister in the negative to part (c) of the question, why is it that the Government of India have not asked for copies of it to be made available so that it could be shown in our country?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Perhaps our Information and Broadcasting Ministry has also recorded several such films.

SHRI B. RATH: How many copies of this film have been given to the Government of India?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: As I said, in this instance no copy was demanded from them.

SHRI B. RATH: Did not the Government think it desirable to ask for a copy of the film so that we could know

what type of village life they had recorded?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: In fact, while this was being recorded, an officer of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry accompanied them, as also an officer of the Community Project.

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REQUIREMENTS OF RUBBER IN THE COUNTRY

*364. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity by which the supply of rubber in India falls short of the country's requirements; and

(b) the steps taken to promote increased production of rubber within the country?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The production of rubber in India is adequate to meet the current requirements of the country.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know if processed rubber is available in adequate quantities to meet the requirements of the country?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I cannot speak off-hand about the particular type of rubber my hon. friend has in mind. My impression is that the production in 1953 is about 20,950 tons and the consumption requirement is about 21,800 tons.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Have not the manufacturing concerns expressed that the price fixed was high and that rubber at that price was not economical?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: We had a complaint last year from the growers that the price paid was low, but with regard to a complaint from the manufacturers, I would like to have notice.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the Tariff Commission considered this question.....

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have notice about the question.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: May I know how the price of our rubber compares with that of other rubber?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It compares favourably.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the Rubber Board met since the Rubber Act was amended and whether it has taken any action to encourage the production of rubber?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The Rubber Production Board made the recommendation with regard to two schemes. One was with regard to the increase of rubber production; the Rubber Production Commissioner has put out a scheme for starting the development of 70,000 additional acres at the rate of 7,000 acres per year. The other scheme is with regard to research. These two schemes are under the consideration of the Finance Ministry.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What about the imports of rubber, Sir?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: They are negligible.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: I would like to know whether the Rubber Board met at all.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have notice.

RETENTION PRICE OF STEEL

*365. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state how long the retention prices of steel will continue to be in force?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): As long as there is shortage of steel in India and

the necessity for making available steel at a uniform controlled price to consumers exists.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if any steel corporation has represented to the Government requesting for a revision of the retention prices?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I do not think so.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has not the Tariff Board reported to Government that one concern has represented that the revision of steel retention prices is necessary? Have they not recommended that prices should be revised?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not aware of such a recommendation.

EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRY

*366. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed expert Advisory Committee for Industry has been set up; and

(b) if so, who are the members of the Committee and when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Government do not contemplate appointing any such committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Sir, I would like to add that the hon. Member knows that we have set up a small expert committee to find out the surplus capacity so far as the engineering industries are concerned.

ADDITIONAL YANKEE PAPER MAKING MACHINE

♦367. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: