

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : Is there any company in India which is making the local radios at minimum price ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Local radios? If hon Member means cheap radios with short range, I may say there was this idea before, but it was dropped. But it is being again revived. At present there is no manufacturing concern.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : May I know whether the radios are wholly manufactured in India or only parts of them are being made here ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, transformers, chokes, paper parts, mica condensers, chassis, wooden cabinets, miscellaneous hardware components, etc., are being manufactured by private firms.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : What is the total import price of radio sets and radio materials in 1951 and 1952 ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I would require notice.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Has Government any information as to how many of these concerns are wholly Indian and how many are partly Indian and how many are joint ventures ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We have an idea, but I cannot be precise ; and subject to correction, I can say Phillips, Murphy, General Electric, and others are foreign. But I should like to be precise and so I shall have information collected and supplied.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : And Tesla ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Among others, Tesla also is there.

BEGAM AIZAZ RASUL : Is the quality of these Indian radios comparable to the foreign products ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Perfectly good.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Is there over-production of radio sets at present in this country ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Pardon ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He asks : " Is there over-production of radio sets at present in the country."

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : No, there was a little over-import last year and not over-production. So we have now taken care to see that the indigenous industry does not suffer due to excess of import.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

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

(a) what steps the Central Government have taken to encourage cottage industries in the States and the amount of money given as loan and grants to the States ;

(b) what is the nature of the cottage industries for which such grants and loans were given ; the names of the States to which they have been given, and the results that such help has produced ; and

(c) whether any students have been sent abroad for education in cottage industries ; if so, the names of such students, and how they have been employed since their return ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 86.]

(b) A statement showing the names of State Governments to whom grants and loans have so far been given, the purposes for which they were

given and the quantum of assistance given to each State is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 87.] Monthly reports on the progress of the schemes for which financial assistance has been given are being received from the State Governments concerned and these indicate that the grant of financial assistance has resulted in the establishment and encouragement of cottage and small-scale industries.

(c) No student has so far been sent abroad for education in cottage industries under any of the scholarship schemes of the Central Government.

SHRI D. NARAYAN : In order to give encouragement to these cottage industries, what purchases are being made by Government out of these products ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Recently there was a policy decision by the Government that there should be given a little more percentage of price margin in respect of these cottage industries products, other things being equal.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Have Government given any technical assistance to these cottage industries ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We have tried to do our best. We have had a small technical centre at Harduaganj, but we have not made any appreciable progress in this direction.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : In view of the fact that Japan is a country where cottage industries have made great progress, do Government consider the sending of some students from India for training in Japan ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Apart from sending a few batches for training—for there is doubtless much to be learnt from these Japanese cottage industries—we have to learn a lot more from the general tendency of the people themselves towards these

industries. We are trying to get the best possible machines and recently we got a reeling machine for the silk industry and it has been found to be very useful.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know whether Government have any plan for marketing these cottage industry products ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, Sir, we have helped in the past ; for instance, our aid to a Madras Emporium but, we are disappointed because buyers are unwilling to buy cottage industry products and it is in that direction that we have to direct our energies.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU : May I know whether Government have any programme for helping cottage industries ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We have been framing schemes for the last two or three years but, we think that much more of work is necessary rather than these schemes, because, schemes we have in abundance whereas work is not.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU : Are they thinking of appointing officers at any rate for the more important branches of cottage industries to specialise in them and to get.....

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, Sir, that is our idea.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : The hon. Minister says that he has been receiving monthly progress reports in regard to the cottage industries ; could the Government kindly let us know in what manner and to what extent this industry has progressed in our country during the last 2 years or even a year ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I am happy to say, Sir, that the idea of encouraging cottage industries is taking shape though very slowly. Firstly, the work consists in bringing down the production costs in competition with

the large scale production and, secondly, creating taste for cottage industries products. In both these directions definite progress, though slow, is being observable.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

*301. SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the community projects in Rajasthan has actually been started and if so, what is the progress made so far ; and

(b) what is the programme of work for the first year in respect of each block of the community projects in Rajasthan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND
POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) :

(a) Yes. Preliminary survey of the areas has been completed and budget estimates prepared. Work has also been taken up in regard to certain items, i.e., repair of wells, construction of approach roads, distribution of seeds and fertilisers, etc.

(b) This is under consideration.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Is it the policy of the Government to consult the villagers concerned in drawing up the programme ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : Yes, Sir.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Has a survey been undertaken ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : Yes, Sir. The representatives of the Rajasthan Government are coming here tomorrow for discussion of the detailed programme.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : Is it a fact that Rajasthan made a present of 67 schools on the birthday of the Prime Minister ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : You mean the village people ?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : On the birthday of the Prime Minister, the only present which was made to him was about 300 and odd schools and Rajasthan's quota was 67.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU : Who made these presents ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : I do not know the exact number.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is the idea of presenting schools ? I do not understand.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : They offered to build schools by voluntary labour I hope.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA : Were the school children presented or the school buildings ?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : What is the backing and basis for this presentation, Sir ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is a different question altogether.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR : It is only, Sir, in the implementation of the community projects, as a matter of fact, they said that the community projects will be developed in such a way that during the first year about 67 schools will be opened there and that is the present which has been made and, I find, Sir, that no programme has even been drawn up for that and, I think, this is just as illusory as anything else.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is an opinion.

FOREIGNERS IN BUSINESS CONCERNS

*302. SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign commercial concerns in India have of late begun to employ on large scale foreigners only even in administrative sections of their concerns ;