

Edl (191⁵) Department.

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G.O. No. 639

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording notes relating to the question
asked at the last meeting of the Legislative
Council re: oil and glass industries.

Legislative Department ✓



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15.5.15

Subject. — Question No 112 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 25th May 1915

Submitted that two copies of this question may be forwarded to the Sep. Rev. & Ed. Departments with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with questions in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.

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By U. O. No 1032-1 dated 15th May 1915

To

The Separate Revenue Department with qn. 112
" Educational " "

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue and Educational Departments.

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur B. Narasimheswara Sarma.

112 Q.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) what the exports from this Presidency in groundnut, hides and skins, oil-seeds other than groundnut, copra, were during each of the months from August to the end of March of 1913-14 and 1914-15; and

(b) what the imports of piece-goods were during the same period?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to secure the services of experts from Europe or the United States of America, and place the oil and glass industries in this Presidency on a satisfactory footing?

[Meeting of 25th May 1915.]

Ed. Department.

Clause 2 of the question overleaf relates to this Department. It is not clear whether by the expression 'oil ~~seed~~ industries' the Additional Member refers to the extraction of oil from seeds or to the manufacture of such articles as soap, ~~fat~~ ~~and~~ fats &c. The Govt have sanctioned the conduct of experiments in oil extraction as well as in the manufacture of soap & fats. In the former it is not proposed to employ any special expert. The Director of Industries & his subordinates ~~will~~ may supervise the experiments. As regards soap & fats the Govt have ~~an~~ employed an expert (Mr. A. K. Menon) who has undergone training in England. It does not seem to be necessary to obtain the services of experts from Europe or the United States of America ^(present stage of these) for these industries.

As far as the glass industry ^(is concerned) it is submitted that Mr. Tresselt is carrying on experiments in the

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* He was a Govt Technical Scholar.

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The manufacture of glass in the Madras Glass Works. It is ~~not possible~~ not possible ~~to~~ at present to say whether the experiments will be a success + whether it will later on be necessary to obtain experts from other countries. In a separate note on the subject, Sir Frederick Nicholson stated that there were serious difficulties to contend with in the manufacture of glass in this Presidency.

The Additional Member requests that the Govt should place the oil + glass industries in this Presidency on a satisfactory footing. It is submitted that this would be a ^{whole} ~~appears~~ matter for private enterprise. All that the State can ~~need~~ do is to demonstrate the possibility of manufacturing things at a profit. Private capitalists should take advantage of the ^{whole} ~~help~~ rendered by the Govt ^{in the above} + start industries on a commercial scale.

The following draft answer is submitted for approval :-

The Department of Industries propose to carry on experiments in oil & glass industries with a view to find out whether the industries can be undertaken in this Presidency with financial success. The services of experts from Europe or the United States of America are not required ~~for these experiments~~ at the present stage of these experiments.

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Submitted that a registered company called "The Madras Glass Works, Ltd." started the manufacture of glass in Madras in 1909. The Govt. extended their help to the company by sanctioning the free grant to it of half the wood used in ~~the~~ its furnaces during the first two years of its working. Please see G.O. No. 677 Revenue, dated the 2nd March 1910. The Company, however, failed in

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in 1912. Mr. Brecher is carrying on his experiments in glass-making in the ^{abandoned} factory of this ~~same~~ company. In a note on industries written in October last, he stated as follows: -

"I am arranging for the glass works in Madras to be placed at my disposal. I have also asked Professor Erlam Smith of the Presidency College, who is a good technical chemist, to let me have a report on the matter of glass-making. I have further got into touch with several firms, with regard to the commercial side of the question with a view to securing a market".

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The oil and glass industries are both receiving attention. Do not think that there is any need yet now to join for experts from Europe or America. I shall give the following answer. The oil and glass

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The question & answer in their final form were as follows:—

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(2) Will the Government be pleased to secure the services of experts from Europe or the United States of America and place the oil and glass industries in this Presidency on a satisfactory footing?

116 A.—(1) The figures are as follows:—

Name of article.	Year.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.
(a) Exports in thousands of cuts to "foreign" countries, i.e., outside British India.									
1. Groundnut	1913-14	186	58	42	69	190	464	927	642
	1914-15	339	9	58	40	2	94	61	282
2. Hides and skins—									
(a) raw	1913-14	4	3	1	1	2	1	3	1
	1914-15	20	25	15	10	22	22	22	18
(b) tanned	1913-14	4	39	29	24	19	35	29	44
	1914-15	35	44	54	31	15	47	26	44
3. Oil-seeds other than groundnut and copra ..	1913-14	16	5	6	10	16	15	21	18
	1914-15	14	18	67	31	32	82	84	127
4. Copra	1913-14	3	1	13	17	12	64	77	71
	1914-15	3	1	13	17	12	64	77	71
(b) Imports from "foreign" countries in lakhs of yards.									
Cotton piece-goods	1913-14	183	199	178	194	201	205	152	165
	1914-15	167	100	120	100	88	44	65	82

(2) The oil and glass industries are receiving attention. It is not considered necessary to secure the services of men from Europe or America just now for these two industries.

No further action is necessary.
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