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Legislative Council question.

Recording papers relating to Question No.121 asked by the Honourable Mr. P. Sive Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th February 1917 and the answer given thereto, regarding the bangle-making industry in the Anantapur district.

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L.M. (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.



QUESTION.—No. 100

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

6-2-1917.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Home (Education) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the
Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
course.

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U.O. No. 177-1 dated 23-1-17

To

The *Home (Education)* Department. with Q. 100.

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The Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao.

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Home (Education) Department.

Q.100. Will the Government be pleased to direct the Director of Industries to enquire into the causes of the declining condition of the bangle-making industry in the Anantapur District, and to report the best way of improving it.

He stated that the amazing cheapness of the foreign artist coupled with the increasing cost of fuel & bangle earth - the partly fuel exhaustion and partly the forest restriction in the country of the indigenous industry. He has considered that the Dept. might like to turn their experimental effort in this particular direction.

2. Recently H. R. Rajagopal

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In his letter dated the 15th December 1914, Sir Frederick Nicholson, while not favouring the idea of Govt experimenting on glass manufacture, suggested that the Govt might turn its attention to the question of reviving the bangle-making industry of this Presidency. He stated that "the amazing cheapness of the foreign article coupled with the increasing cost of fuel + bangle earth - one partly to fuel exhaustion and partly to forest restrictions - resulted in the ousting of the indigenous industry." He, however, considered that the Dept of Industries might successfully turn their experimental efforts in this particular direction.

2. Recently M. R. Ry J. Narayana, ~~Sub. engineer in the Dept of Industries~~ Sub. engineer in the Dept of Industries was deputed to

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visit glass factories in other provinces. In his report he suggests that experiments should be conducted with a view to improving the local bangle-making industry. In submitting this report Mr Innes states that he has not yet considered Mr Narayanamurti's proposals about bangle-making & that if he decides to move in the matter he will make a separate reference to Govt. 3. Before framing a draft answer to the question Mr Innes may perhaps be consulted re.

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Will Mr Innes please draft a suitable answer to the question?

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As regards the cause of the decline of the Anantapur bangle industries, pages 56 and 57 and 69 of Mr. Francis' Gazetteer of the Anantapur District may be consulted. It will be seen that the question was mainly one of fuel. So long as the bangle makers could put up a Kiln near a forest and cut as much fuel as they wanted, without let or hindrance, from that forest, the industry flourished. And when one forest was destroyed, the bangle makers moved on to another. But when the Forest Department took up in earnest the conservation of the forests, and the bangle makers could no longer take what fuel they wanted, the industry began to decline. Foreign competition—that of Austria—also probably assisted the process, but the fuel difficulty was evidently the main one. At Kalahasti great quantities of cheap inferior bangles are still made, I am informed, and still find a market.

2. As Sir F.A. Nicholson points out therefore probably the only way to revive the industry would be to grant some sort of fuel concession, and probably also this form of assistance would have to take the form of fuel reserves planted for the purpose. But it is very doubtful whether the game would be worth the candle. The industry never seems to have been a very high class one, and what we really ought to aim at is an industry which would produce articles comparable with the Austrian product.

3. I am rather doubtful whether it is worth doing anything in Anantapur and I do not think that Government should commit themselves to any local enquiry. The fuel problem is obviously a very difficult one.

4. In the circumstances I would suggest an answer on the following lines:-

"The Government are advised that the chief cause of the decline of the industry in question is the increasing difficulty of obtaining cheap fuel. The question whether any measures can or should be taken to improve the bangle industry of the Presidency is being considered by the Director of Industries."

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department.



Home (Exr) Dept

Submitted for orders whether the draft
answer suggested by Mr Jones
may be approved.

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26.1.17

My
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W.H.
26.1.17

H.E.

The answer
drafted by Mr Jones
appears suitable and
may be approved.

W.H.
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Box 3
enc 26.1.17
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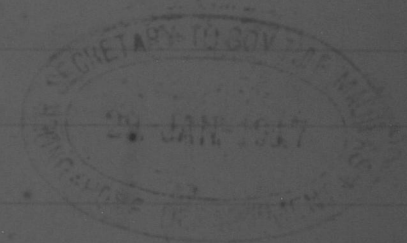
The following answer has been approved by
His Excellency.

"The decline of this industry appears to
be due to a variety of causes, and to arrest it
may not be possible. but the subject is under
the consideration of the Director of Industries."

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Condition of
the bangle-
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industry in the
Anantapur
district.

121 Q.—Will the Government be pleased to direct the Director of Industries
to enquire into the causes of the declining condition of the bangle-making industry
in the Anantapur district, and to report the best way of improving it?

121 A.—The decline of this industry appears to be due to a variety of causes,
and to arrest it may not be possible: but the subject is under the
consideration of the Director of Industries.

A draft order recording the
papers is submitted for approval

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Legislative Council Question.

Recording papers relating to Question No. /2/ asked by
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at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th February
1917 and the answer given thereto regarding the bangle-
making industry in the Anantapur
district.

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