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No. 260-T. (8)/33.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Simla, the 26th August, 1933.

RESOLUTION.

TARIFFS.

The protection afforded to certain manufactures of iron and steel by the Steel Industry (Protection) Act, 1927, as subsequently amended, will determine on the 31st day of March, 1934. Clause 3 of that Act provides that the Governor General in Council shall, not later than the 31st day of March, 1934, cause to be made by such persons as he may appoint in this behalf, an enquiry as to the extent, if any, to which it is necessary to continue the protection of the steel industry in British India and as to the manner in which any protection found necessary should be conferred. The Government of India have decided that the prescribed Statutory Enquiry should be undertaken by the Tariff Board and the following terms of reference have been framed for its guidance :—

- (a) The Board is requested to re-examine the measures of protection now enjoyed by the steel industry under the Steel Industry (Protection) Act of 1927, as subsequently amended, the Wire and Wire Nail Industry (Protection) Act of 1932 and the Indian Tariff (Ottawa Trade Agreement) Amendment Act of 1932 and to report in respect of each protected article whether it is still necessary to continue protection and, if so, whether the existing measure of protection should be increased or diminished or whether the manner in which protection is conferred should be altered.
- (b) In dealing with the wire and wire nail industry the Board will bear in mind the considerations set forth in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of its 1931 Report on the Wire and Wire Nail Industry and will consider whether the first of the conditions prescribed by the Indian Fiscal Commission in paragraph 97 of its Report is now satisfied.
- (c) In making its recommendations the Tariff Board will take all relevant considerations into account including that stated in part (b) of the Resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly on the 16th February, 1923.

(d) The Board will also be at liberty to examine the claims for protection of industries making iron and steel products which do not come within the scope of the present Acts and to report whether, having regard to the principles laid down in paragraph 97 of the Report of the Indian Fiscal Commission such claims should be admitted, and, if so, the nature and extent of the protection that should be given.

2. Firms or persons interested in the iron and steel industry or industries dependent on the use of iron and steel, who desire that their views should be considered by the Tariff Board should address their representations to the Secretary of the Board.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be communicated to all local Governments and Administrations, all Departments of the Government of India, the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the Central Board of Revenue, the Indian Trade Commissioners, London and Hamburg, the Secretary, Tariff Board, the High Commissioner for India, London, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner in India, the Canadian Trade Commissioner in India, all Chambers of Commerce and Associations, the French Trade Commissioner in India, Burma and Ceylon, the Secretary, Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, and the Chief Controller of Stores.

Ordered also, that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

Press Communiqué issued by the Tariff Board on the 4th September 1933.

In the Resolution of the Government of India (Department of Commerce) No. 260-T. (8)/33, dated the 26th August, 1933, the Tariff Board is directed to examine the extent, if any, to which it is necessary to continue the protection now granted to the Steel industry and the manner in which any protection found necessary should be conferred. The Board is also authorised to enquire into the claim for protection which may be raised by any industries manufacturing iron and steel products which do not come within the scope of the existing scheme of protection. All representations intended for the Tariff Board in connection with this enquiry should be submitted (with six spare copies) so as to reach the Secretary of the Board at 1, Council House Street, Calcutta, not later than the 23rd September, 1933.

(1) Letter No. G.-347/33, dated the 2nd September, 1933, from the Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.

With reference to Government of India Resolution No. 260-T. (8)/33, dated the 26th August, 1933, the Tata Iron and Steel Company has the honour to submit herewith, for the consideration of the Tariff Board, its representation regarding the protection of the Steel Industry in India.

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