

Report of the Indian Tariff Board
on the question of tariff equality
in respect of the manufacture of
Camel Hair, Cotton, and Canvas
Ply Belting including the written
and oral evidence recorded during
the enquiry.

1927



ALCUTTA, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLICATION BRANCH
1928

Price As. 8 or 10d.

Report of the Indian Tariff Board
on the question of tariff equality
in respect of the manufacture of
Camel Hair, Cotton, and Canvas
Ply Belting including the written
and oral evidence recorded during
the enquiry.

1927



CALCUTTA: GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLICATION BRANCH
1928

**Government of India Publications are obtainable from the
Government of India Central Publication Branch,
3, Government Place, West, Calcutta, and
from the following Agents:—**

EUROPE.

**OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA,
42, GROSVENOR GARDENS, LONDON, S.W. 1.**

And at all Booksellers.

INDIA AND CEYLON.

Provincial Book Depôts:

MADRAS:—Office of the Superintendent, Government Press, Mount Road, Madras.
BOMBAY:—Superintendent, Government Book Depôt, Town Hall, Bombay.
SEND:—Library attached to the Office of the Commissioner in Sind, Karachi.
BENGAL:—Office of the Bengal Secretariat Book Depôt, Writers' Buildings, Room No. 1, Ground Floor, Calcutta.
UNITED PROVINCES OF AGRA AND OUDH:—Office of the Superintendent of Government Press, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, Allahabad.
PUNJAB:—Office of the Superintendent, Government Printing, Punjab, Lahore.
BURMA:—Office of the Superintendent, Government Printing, Burma, Rangoon.
CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BIHAR:—Superintendent, Government Printing, Central Provinces, Nagpur.
ASSAM:—Office of the Superintendent, Assam Secretariat Press, Shillong.
BIHAR AND ORISSA:—Office of the Superintendent, Government Printing, Bihar and Orissa, P. O. Gulsarbagh, Patna.
COORG:—Office of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore.
NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE:—Office of the Manager, Government Printing and Stationery, Peshawar.

Thacker, Spink & Co., Calcutta and Simla.
W. Newman & Co., Ltd., Calcutta.
R. Cambay & Co., Calcutta.
S. K. Lahiri & Co., Calcutta.
The Indian School Supply Depôt, 308, Bow Bazar Street, Calcutta, and 226, Nawabpur, Dacca.
Butterworth & Co. (India), Ltd., Calcutta.
Rai M. C. Sarcar Bahadur & Sons, 90/2A, Harrison Road, Calcutta.
Standard Literature Company, Limited, Calcutta.
Association Press, Calcutta.
Chukerverty, Chatterjee & Co., Ltd., 13, College Square, Calcutta.
The Book Company, Calcutta.
James Murray & Co., 12, Government Place, Calcutta. (For Meteorological Publications only).
Ray, Choudhury & Co., 68/5, Asutosh Mukherji Road, Calcutta.
The Oriental Publishing House, 34, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.
Scientific Publishing Co., 9, Taitollah Lane, Calcutta.
B. C. Basak, Esq., Proprietor, Albert Library, Dacca.
Mitra Brothers, Rajshahi.
Higginbothams, Madras.
P. R. Rama Iyer & Co., Madras.
Rochoose and Sons, Madras.
G. A. Natesan & Co., Publishers, George Town, Madras.
Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras.
Bright & Co., Trivandrum.
The Booklover's Resort, Taikad, Trivandrum, South India.
E. M. Gopalakrishna Kone, Pudumandapam, Madras.
Vijapur & Co., Vizagapatam.
Thacker & Co., Ltd., Bombay.
D. B. Taraporevala, Sons & Co., Bombay.
Sunder Pandurang, Bombay.
Ram Chandra Govind & Sons, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.
N. M. Tripathi & Co., Booksellers, Princess Street, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.
Proprietor, New Kitabhana, Poona.
The Manager, Oriental Book Supplying Agency, 15, Shukrawar, Poona City.
R. S. Gondhalekar's Book Depôt, Publisher and Bookseller, Budhwar Chawk, Poona City.
Managing Director, Co-operative Bookstall, Booksellers and Publishers, Poona City.
Rama Krishna Bros., Opposite Visrambag, Poona City.
Mangaldas & Sons, Booksellers and Publishers, Bhaga Talao, Surat.
Mrs. Radhabhai Atmaram Sagoo, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

A. H. Wheeler & Co., Allahabad, Calcutta and Bombay.
R. B. Umadikar & Co., The Bharat Book Depôt, Dharwar.
The Standard Bookstall, Karachi, Quetta, Delhi, Murree and Rawalpindi.
The Karachi Book Depôt, Elphinstone Street, Camp, Karachi.
The Standard Bookstall, Quetta.
U. P. Malhotra & Co., Quetta.
J. Ray & Sons, 45, K. & L, Edwardes Road, Rawalpindi and Murree.
The Standard Book Depôt, Lahore, Nainital, Mussoorie, Dalhousie, Amballa Cantonment and Delhi.
N. B. Mathur, Supdt., Nasir Kazim Hind Press, Allahabad.
The North India Christian Tract and Book Society, 18, Clive Road, Allahabad.
Ram Dayal Agarwala, 184, Katra, Allahabad.
Manager, Newal Kishore Press, Lucknow.
The Upper India Publishing House, Ltd., 41, Aminabad Park, Lucknow.
Rai Sahib M. Gulab Singh & Sons, Mufid-i-Am Press, Lahore and Allahabad.
Rama Krishna & Sons, Booksellers, Anarkali, Lahore.
Puri Brothers, Booksellers and Publishers, Katcheri Road, Lahore.
The Tilak School Bookshop, Lahore.
The Standard Bookstall, Lahore.
The Principal, Sanskrit Book Depôt, Saidmitha Street, Lahore.
The Punjab Religious Book Society, Lahore.
Manager of the Imperial Book Depôt, 63, Chandney Chowk Street, Delhi.
Oxford Book and Stationery Company, Delhi.
Supdt., American Baptist Mission Press, Rangoon.
Proprietor, Rangoon Times Press, Rangoon.
The Modern Publishing House, Ltd., 30, Phayre Street, Rangoon.
Burma Book Club, Ltd., Rangoon.
Manager, the "Hitavada," Nagpur.
Bhisey Brothers, Booksellers and Stationers, Sitabaldi, Nagpur.
S. C. Talukdar, Proprietor, Students & Co., Cooch Behar.
The Manager, Ceylon Observer, Colombo.
The Manager, The Indian Book Shop, Benares City.
The Srivilliputtur Co-operative Trading Union Ltd., Srivilliputtur (Satara, S. I. R.).
The Students' Emporium, Patna.
Baghunath Prasad & Sons, Patna City.
Laudekar Brothers, Indore City.
The Hyderabad Book Depôt, Chaderghat Hyderabad (Deccan).

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

PARA.	Report.	PAGE.
1.	Reference to the Board	1
2.	Scope of enquiry	1
3.	Applications under consideration	1
4.	Cotton belting	2
5.	Methods of securing tariff equality	2
6.	Board's proposals	3
7.	Hair belting	3
8.	Duty on imported hair belting proposed	4
9.	Reduction of duty on imported hair yarn	4
10.	Canvas ply belting	5
11.	Board's proposals	5
12.	Summary of recommendations	6

Evidence.

1.	Government of India, Department of Commerce, Resolution No. 88-T. (2), dated 28th March 1925	9
2.	Press communiqué issued by the Tariff Board on the 30th April 1927	11
3.	Questionnaire for the manufacturers of machine belting issued by the Tariff Board on the 19th January 1927	13
4.	Messrs. Birkmyre Brothers, Calcutta—	

A.—WRITTEN.

(1)	Representation to the Government of India, dated 12th July 1923	16
(2)	Further representation to the Government of India, dated 8th February 1924	16
(3)	Further representation to the Government of India, dated 29th May 1924	17
(4)	Further representation to the Government of India, dated 4th November 1924	18
(5)	Representation to the Tariff Board, dated 12th February 1926	19
(6)	Letter, dated 14th February 1927, forwarding replies to the questionnaire	20
(7)	Letter, dated 27th April 1927, submitting supplementary information raised during oral evidence	26

B.—ORAL.

(1)	Evidence recorded on the 25th April 1927:— Introductory—Manufacturing process—The firm's application—Cost figures—Import prices—Prices realised by the Company—Materials—Other purposes for which the raw materials could be used—Methods of granting relief to the industry—Refund of duty—Output	31
-----	---	----

	PAGE.
(2) Evidence recorded on the 11th May 1927:— Indian made cotton yarn—Black proofing—Reduction of duty—Prices of imported belting—Amount of duty to qualify for rebate—Prices of yarn	44
5. Messrs. S. A. Tyabji and Company, Rangoon—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
(1) Representation to the Government of Burma, dated 25th April 1923	51
(2) Further representation to the Government of Burma, dated 21st August 1923	52
(3) Letter to the Tariff Board, dated 8th March 1927, forwarding replies to the questionnaire	53
(4) Letter, dated 31st March 1927, forwarding information regarding expenditure incurred on the production of cotton canvas ply belting in certain years	70
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 30th March 1927:—	
Extent to which the Indian maker is handicapped by the various duties—Amount of relief claimed— Qualification for protection—Market for cotton ply belting—Production, costs—Discount on sales	71
6. Bengal Tanneries, Limited—	
(1) Representation to the Government of India, dated 23rd July 1923	82
(2) Representation to the Tariff Board, dated 27th April 1925	83
7. Eureka Belting Works, Limited—	
(1) Representation to the Government of India, dated 7th March 1924	84
(2) Further representation to the Government of India, dated 23rd May 1924	86
(3) Further representation to the Government of India, dated 26th August 1924	86
(4) Further representation to the Government of India, dated 11th September 1924	87
8. The Bengal Belting Works, Limited—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
Representation, dated 5th May 1927	88
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 11th May 1927:—	
Introductory—The Company's application—Output— Proportion of hair to cotton yarn—Market—The Company's request—Canvas ply belting—Reduction of duty on raw materials or increase of duty in imported belting—Demand in Calcutta for belting	91
9. Messrs. McLawrie and Company, Calcutta—	
Representation, dated 8th December 1925	100
10. The Burma Indian Chamber of Commerce, Rangoon—	
Representation, dated 17th February 1926	101

	PAGE.
11. Messrs. Paricha and Company, Calcutta—	
Representation, dated 4th May 1927	102
12. Messrs. Lewis and Tylor, Limited, Calcutta—	
Representation, dated 7th June 1927	103
13. Letter from the Tariff Board to certain importers of machine belting No. 369, dated 25th April 1927, asking for certain in- formation about imported machine belting	104
14. Replies to the above letter received from:—	
(1) Messrs. Lewis and Tylor, Limited—	
Letter, dated 28th April 1927	105
(2) Messrs. Jessop and Company, Limited—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
Letter, dated 28th April 1927	106
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 11th May 1927	106
(3) A Calcutta Firm—	
Letter, dated 30th April 1927	107
(4) Messrs. Roberts, McLean and Company, Limited—	
Letter, dated 3rd May 1927	108
15. Collector of Customs, Rangoon—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
Note handed on the 30th March 1927	109
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 30th March 1927—	
Introductory—Belting	110
16. Collector of Customs, Calcutta—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
(1) Letter from the Tariff Board, dated 25th April 1927 asking for certain information regarding price of im- ported machine belting	115
(2) Letter to the Tariff Board, dated 30th April 1927 in reply to the above letter	115
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 10th May 1927—	
Refund of import duties on raw materials—Materials for belting—Belting	116
17. Messrs. Burn and Company—	
A.—WRITTEN.	
Letter, dated 2nd June 1927	121
B.—ORAL.	
Evidence recorded on the 4th May 1927	121
18. Indian Stores Department—	
Letter, dated 31st May 1927	122