Contracting Parties

Schedule XV - Pakistan

Re-negotiations with four Contracting Parties

In pursuance of the decision of the Contracting Parties permitting Pakistan to renegotiate certain items of GATT Schedule XV (GATT/CP.5/85, GATT/CP.9/39 & Add.1, and GATT/CP/6 & Add.1 & 2) with the four countries to whom tariff concessions on those items were originally given, the Pakistan Delegation wish to submit the following report on item 6 of the revised agenda (GATT/CP.5/3/Rev.2, dated the 8th April, 1949) for the information of the Contracting Parties.

Czechoslovakia - Item No. 60(3)
- Glass beads and false pearls

This item was renegotiated with Czechoslovakia and the latter agreed to the withdrawal of the concessions on this item by Pakistan. No Contracting Party objected to this withdrawal within the prescribed limit of thirty days when the agreement between Czechoslovakia and Pakistan was notified to them. The concession on this item has accordingly been withdrawn by Pakistan.

United States - Item No. 31(4) - Camphor
and Item No. 73(4) - Wireless receivers etc.

These items were renegotiated with the Government of the United States who agreed to the withdrawal of the tariff concessions given by Pakistan to them originally. When the result of these negotiations was circulated among the Contracting Parties (vide GATT/CP/5, dated the 5th January, 1949), no objection was received from any Contracting Party regarding the withdrawal of the concession on item 31(4) - Camphor -. The tariff concession on
this item in, therefore, being withdrawn by Pakistan.

As for withdrawal of tariff concessions on wireless receivers, etc. covered by item Ex. 73(4), the Government of the Netherlands who enjoyed these concessions originally given by Pakistan to U.S. by virtue of the M-F-N. Clause, have lodged an objection and the Pakistan Delegation have approached the Netherlands Delegation in the matter with a view to arriving at a settlement.

France — Item 49(2) — Ribbons,
and Item 79 — Musical instruments, etc.

Renegotiations on these items were taken up with the French Government through diplomatic channels and they did not seem to have any objection to the withdrawal of the tariff concessions on these items by Pakistan. The Contracting Parties have been informed of this settlement by the Secretariat (vide GATT/CP/5/Add.2 dated the 23rd March, 1949).

China — Item No. 49(b) —

Textile manufactures

Preliminary renegotiations on this item with the Chinese Delegation were conducted by the Pakistan Delegation at Geneva at the time of the Second Session of the Contracting Parties. Later the Chinese Government were approached through diplomatic channels to give their consent to the withdrawal of the tariff concessions on the items mentioned above. No reply has so far been received from the Chinese Government to the request of Pakistan which was made as early as November, 1948. Pakistan Delegation would, therefore, like the Chinese Delegation at Annecy to obtain the approval of their Government to the withdrawal of the concession on this item as soon as possible.