

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, माननीय उप-मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि इस चीज का बाका-यदा अध्ययन नहीं किया गया है, अर्थात् सिस्ट-मेटिक स्टडी नहीं की गई है। अतः थोड़ा बहुत जो अध्ययन किया गया है, उस से क्या पता लगा है, क्या इस पर प्रकाश डाला जाएगा ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : थोड़े बहुत अध्ययन का मतलब यह है कि कितनी मर्तबा यह पृथ्वी के चारों तरफ घूमा, कितने मील गया, कितने घंटे आसमान में रहा इत्यादि। इस के बारे में एक बात यह है कि वहाँ से जो खबरें वह भेजता है, वे कोड में आती हैं और वह बहुत ही एक तरह से खुफिया बात होती है और किसी दूसरे के लिये इसके बारे में स्टडी करना आसान नहीं होता है। जो रेडियो सिगनल आए वे हम ने भी सुने लेकिन क्या मतलब है, यह निकालना आसान नहीं होता है।

Shri K. C. Pant: Is the Government aware that the observatory at Naini Tal is equipped to study the movement of space crafts? If so, may I know why it was not utilized to make a systematic study of these cosmonauts?

Mr. Speaker: That question was already put.

5 Import of Ammunition

*855. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the amount of foreign exchange involved in the import of ammunition, both for sporting rifles and shot guns during 1959, 1960 and 1961-62?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The values of imports during 1959, 1960 and 1961-62 were Rs. 8,24,000, Rs. 8,04,000 and Rs. 8,31,000 respectively.

Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: May I know what charge or bore of cartridges were imported when this foreign exchange was allotted?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There are different sizes—22 inches rifle, 302 and various other categories which I have mentioned several times in this House.

Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: What is the position of heavy bore cartridges for tourists and sportsmen?

Shri Manubhai Shah: With regard to some of the heavy-bore cartridges which are not yet made in India I may assure the House that if the hon. Member or the Indian Rifle Association bring it to our notice, a small quota would be permitted.

Shri Tyagi: In view of the fact that our ordnance factories are fully equipped to manufacture all types of this ammunition, why are we importing it from outside?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We are not importing it and that is precisely the question. Last time, hon. Member showed some interest and suggested that we should allow some import. I may mention here that those which we can manufacture here we are fully manufacturing, and that is why a total ban has been imposed. But, speaking of the past, there are various bores and various sizes of rifle and gun which are operating in the country that it is not possible to manufacture cartridges of every size within the country.

Shri Tyagi: .22 is being manufactured here.

Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh: What quota is allotted to the National Rifle Association out of these imported cartridges and is it allotted at some concession rate?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is allotted at import price plus the normal expenses. Most of it goes to the recognised rifle associations including the National Rifle Association.