

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know by what time it will be finalised?

Shri Kanungo: We are not in a hurry about it, because the urgency does not arise until there are more drug projects in the public sector and I believe the time by which the projects will come up would be somewhere about 1965-66.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if Government are aware of the urgency of this problem and would take effective steps in this regard early?

Shri Kanungo: I have already said there is no urgency about it.

Trade Agreement with Afghanistan

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Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

*7. **Shri R. G. Dubey:**

Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Shri Mohsin:

Shri Basumatari:

Shri S. B. Patil:

Shri Hem Raj:

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of International Trade visited Afghanistan recently to negotiate a trade agreement with that country for the coming year; and

(b) if so, what in brief has been the outcome of those negotiations with the Government of Afghanistan?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Letters were exchanged embodying the agreed trade arrangements between Afghanistan and India which provide *inter alia* for:

(i) promotion and diversification of trade between two countries;

(ii) facilities for import and export of specified goods; and

(iii) payments for imports and exports through a special procedure which avoids payments in free foreign exchange.

The arrangements between Afghanistan and India will remain in force for a period of fourteen months from the 1st October, 1962.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Is there any proposal to increase the volume of trade between the two countries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir; this is exactly what we negotiated when I went to Kabul.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: As a result of this visit and the agreement which has been signed, may I know the approximate increase in the volume of trade between the two countries, which Government expect?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It might rise by a crore or two during the current year.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know whether the increase in the volume of trade between the two countries is for our benefit or is it to accommodate the request of Afghanistan in this respect?

Shri Manubhai Shah: For mutual benefit.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: अफगानिस्तान से आने वाले सामान के दाम जब दुगुने और चौगुने तक हो गए हैं तो उनको रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या कर रही है? क्या इन हालात में अफगानिस्तान के साथ कोई ट्रेड कायम रख सकेगा?

श्री मनुभाई शाह: अफगानिस्तान से जो सामान आता है उसमें बहुत सी चीज ऐसी हैं जिन के दाम काफी ठीक हैं थोड़े से फ्रूट्स ऐसे हैं जिन दाम बढ़ गये हैं। हमने काबुल गवर्नमेंट से बिनलिट की

है कि वह जल्दी से जल्दी माल भेजना शुरू कर दे।

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know the main commodities that will be exported from India to Afghanistan according to this agreement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The main items will be tea, cotton textiles, artificial rayon textiles, some light engineering products, bicycles, motor cycles and things like that.

Shri Narendrasingh Mahida: May I know whether trade between Afghanistan and India has increased or decreased?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It has only increased.

Shri Basumatari: May I know whether there is any apprehension of this agreement being affected due to the present situation in the country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We are carrying on and are trying to expand our trade in spite of the situation, because the situation demands that there must be more flow of trade.

Shri R. G. Dubey: May I know whether it is a fact that the trade route lies through Pakistan and there are innumerable difficulties in the way of implementing this agreement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is precisely so. We are very sorry that due to the intransigence of the Government of Pakistan the trade between these two countries, which could expand considerably more, is being hampered. We are trying to charter certain air freighters between Kabul and Delhi.

Development of parks in Delhi New Delhi

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Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooh:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Master Plan for the development of parks in Delhi and New Delhi is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) A Sub-Committee has been appointed for this purpose and is working out the details.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what are the terms of reference given to this Committee so far as the details are concerned?

Shri Jaganatha Rao: The terms of reference are: to prepare a Master Plan for the development of parks in Delhi and New Delhi consistent with the needs relating to the roadside parks etc.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know who are the members of this Committee?

Shri Jaganatha Rao: This Committee was formed in July, 1957 under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply along with the Director, Horticulture, Central P.W.D. This Committee appointed a sub-committee recently to go into this question. A tentative programme has been drawn up and it will be finalised very soon.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know whether the cost of the layout and development of parks will be borne by the local bodies or the Central Government will be giving some aid for this work?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): It is very difficult to answer that question as yet. We have a number of parks in Delhi and New Delhi. Certainly, the local bodies shall be consulted when we look into the matter of landscape.

Shri P. C. Borooh: May I know whether in view of the national emergency such beautification schemes are likely to be deferred in favour of more important schemes?