

श्री ब० रा० भगत : जो इनको फाइन लगाया था वह रकम दी जा चुकी है, वह लगभग 1 करोड़ 20 लाख रुपये है। दूसरी जगह लगभग 1 करोड़ 60 लाख का फाइन है।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : यह मामला बहुत दिनों से पड़ा हुआ है, चूंकि इस काम में सरकार का ही प्रमुख हाथ है सारा मैटीरियल जमा करने में, इसलिये मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार की तरफ से इसमें कितनी देरी हुई है ट्रिब्यूनल के सामने पहुंचने में, यह तो आप कम से कम बतायें ? इस प्रश्न को हम बार-बार सदन में पूछते रहे हैं, बहुत समय से यह प्रश्न पड़ा हुआ है।

श्री ब० रा० भगत : सरकार की तरफ से कोई देरी नहीं हुई है।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : समय, डेट कुछ तो बतायें ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इनका मतलब है कि यह सरकार का महकमा है, इसमें इतनी देर नहीं होनी चाहिये। इसके लिये मिनिस्टर साहब पता लगायें कि क्या वजह है ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : अपील में आने के बाद तीन-चार महीने लगे होंगे।

Shri Surendranath Dwidvedy :
Apart from this particular case which is under adjudication, the Minister himself, Mr. Bhagat himself, promised in this House during half-an-hour discussion about a year back that they had come across some papers which they were examining and that they would prosecute this Bird & Co. May I know whether that examination has been finished and, if so, why no prosecution has been started as yet?

Shri B.R. Bhagat : If I remember a right, what the hon. Member raised was in regard to some company law offences—matters connected with company law matters. That has been separately taken up and we are pursuing that matter.

Smuggling of Chinese Opium

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“522. **Shri Jashvant Mehta :**
Shri Buta Singh :
Shri Narasimha Reddy :
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa :
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath :”

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to a press report appearing in the Times of India dated the 3rd June, 1966 that Chinese opium is being bartered for Indian gold in Ceylonese territorial waters and coastal plains by communist Chinese smugglers; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction there to ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B.R. Bhagat) :

(a) The news item has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Enquiries made through various sources indicate that the news item lacks substance. India is a major producer of opium and as such the possibility of opium being smuggled into India from outside is less likely. There is so far no evidence to suggest that Chinese or their agents are smuggling opium into India in exchange for Indian gold. We have, however, altered all enforcement agencies.

Shri Hem Barua : What is this 'likely' and 'less likely' ? It is very vague.

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरो एक विनती है। प्रश्न 512 भी ओपियम के सम्बन्ध में है, उसको भी इसी के साथ ले लिया जाय, क्योंकि उसका जवाब भी इसी के सम्बन्ध में है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप उस वक्त यहां नहीं थे।

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं लाइब्रेरी में कुछ काम के लिये चला गया था।

इसको भी इस के साथ ले लिया जाय, यह ओपियम के बारे में ही है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : नहीं।

Shri Jashvant Mehta : This news item was published and this is also a known fact that opium is smuggled into this country and is also exported. Will the hon. Minister say what was the machinery which investigated into this matter and how Government came to the conclusion that this news item was not correct?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : Is the hon. Member referring to the machinery for detecting or checking opium smuggling? We have the enforcement agency under the Excise Act and the Customs Act.

Mr. Speaker : He wants to know the machinery which Government employed for coming to this conclusion that this has not happened.

Shri B. R. Bhagat : It is based on evidence; there is no physical evidence of that.

Shri Jashvant Mehta : May I know how many cases of opium smuggling have been traced up still now?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : I want notice of that question.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Are there reasons to believe that whereas Karl Marx wrote that 'Religion is the opium of the people', the neo-Marxist imperialist distortionist Chinese now think that "opium is the religion of the people" and, therefore, they are indulging in large-scale export of opium from their country to other countries properly or improperly, by smuggling or otherwise, so that they could make the people in other countries as religious as they are?

Mr. Speaker : Shri Madhu Limaye.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Have you disallowed my question?

Mr. Speaker : I have heard the question...

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Let him answer whether there are reasons to believe like that? It is a perfectly historical question. I am sorry that you do not appreciate the historical aspect of it.

Mr. Speaker : I have disallowed it.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Why have you disallowed it?

Mr. Speaker : I have to say that I have disallowed it.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Are they indulging in such exports? If the hon. Minister cannot answer the historical part let him answer the other part of the question.

Mr. Speaker : That is not the information which can be in the specific possession of this Government.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : Are they indulging in such exports? Are there reasons to believe so? If Government have no reasons to believe so, let the hon. Minister say 'No'.

Mr. Speaker : I think he has said it.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : He has not said that.

Mr. Speaker : He need not say it, but it is obvious.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath : It is very unfair I am sorry to say that about your ruling but I have to submit to it willy-nilly, more 'nilly' than 'willy'.

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह प्रश्न चीन से हिन्दुस्तान में जो अफीम आती है उसके बारे में है, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में इस वक्त अफीम का जो सरकार द्वारा माना हुआ उत्पादन है और जो चोरी से होता है वह कुल उत्पादन कितना है और क्या उसमें से एक बड़ा हिस्सा अमरीका भेजा जाता है क्योंकि कुछ लोग कहते हैं कि 1, 1 लाख तक इसके दाम आ जाते हैं

एक, एक किलो के तो क्या मंत्री महोदय इसके बारे में कोई रोशनी डालेंगे ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल तो चीनी अफीम के तस्करी व्यापार के बारे में है ।

श्री मधु लिमये : मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि कुल हिन्दुस्तान में उत्पादन कितना है जो बताया जाता है और जो चोरी से होता है दोनों को मिला कर और क्या यह अमरीका में भेजा जाता है चोरी से और वहां क्या दाम उसे मिलते हैं ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : यह तो उत्पादन का अलग सवाल है सूचना मिले तो मैं इनका जवाब दे सकूंगा हूँ ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रनाथ द्विवेदी : चीन से जो आती है और अमरीका को जाती है ?

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, उत्पादन के बारे में नहीं कह सकते तो दूसरे हिस्से के बारे में जवाब दें कि चोरी से कितना जाता है अमरीका में? अमरीका में क्या चोरी से अफीम जा रहा है और वहां उसके बहुत दाम आते हैं? यह तो बतला ही सकते हैं ।

श्री ब० रा० भगत : यह सूचना अभी मेरे पास नहीं है ।

श्री मधु लिमये : सूचना नहीं है यह भी अजीब रही ? अफीम के अवैध निर्यात के बारे में एक और भी प्रश्न आप के पास था ।

Shri Warior : It is a known fact that opium had been smuggled to Ceylon for so long a time. May I know whether the price obtained at Ceylon or in the waters of Ceylon for Indian opium is less than that for Chinese opium? In order to permit this exchange between gold and opium to take place, what is the price which opium gets at ceylon as a result of which this smuggling is resorted to? May I know why this smuggling is going on. There is a competition in Ceylon now between Indian opium and Chinese opium.

Shri S. M. Banerjee : Which is better in taste ?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : It is not for me to say how much opium is smuggled into Ceylon. How can I answer this question?

Shri Warior : There is a competition between Indian and Chinese opium in Ceylon.

Mr. Speaker : Is the hon. Member referring to competition in exports or to smuggling ?

Shri Warior : I am referring to smuggling from India to Ceylon.

Mr. Speaker : What can the hon. Minister say about this ?

श्री मा० ला० वर्मा : बाहर से जो अफीम आती है और यहां जो पैदा होती है उसका प्रोडक्शन नहीं घट रहा है तो क्या इसका मतलब यह है कि अफीमचियों का नम्बर बढ़ रहा है ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : जी नहीं, अफीम की पैदावार या तो बाहर एक्सपोर्ट, निर्यात के लिए की जाती है या अलकोलाइट बनाने के लिए की जाती है जोकि दवा के काम में आती है, आम खाने के लिए अफीम पैदा नहीं की जाती है ।

Soviet Assistance for India's Fourth Plan

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Shri Surendra Pal Singh :

Shri Bade :

Shri Kashi Ram Gupta :

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) whether he led a delegation to the USSR for discussion about India's aid requirements for the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the extent of project and non-project aid sought; and