

ther. One must distinguish between two types of incidents: one, which might be considered to be very objectionable, are incidents of a political kind, or in which some kind of assistance or encouragement is given politically; the other type is just pure theft, dacoity, cattle-lifting etc., which takes place within the country, too, but only does not draw our attention because it is an internal matter. But it is always much easier to do it on an international border where people can come and go away. They are not serious in a political sense, but naturally where they occur, they do harm and injury to the people concerned.

Shri Hem Barua: On a point of order, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Point of order?

Shri Hem Barua: Yes. The hon. Prime Minister has said that cases of cattle-lifting and such incidents occur in our country also. My own humble submission is this, that when he says like that, that might be an encouragement to the Pakitanis living on the border to commit more such things.

Shri Tyagi: What is the point of order?

Shri Hem Barua: I will come to that.

Mr. Speaker: That should be left to me when I have to answer it, when he is putting it to me.

Shri Hem Barua: That might be an indirect encouragement to Pakistanis living near our border. In matters of this kind I find always that the Prime Minister behaves like an umpire in a cricket match rather than as one whose interests are involved.

Mr. Speaker: I am really sorry. There is no point of order involved.

Shri Hem Barua: I have not finished.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. If any encouragement is to be apprehended,

that perhaps might be given by his statement and not by what the Prime Minister has said. Next question.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमने सवाल नम्बर १५८ को पूछने के लिए नोटिस दिया है। उसको ले दिया जाए।

Mr. Speaker: I have already said that I will go by the list, in the order in which they are printed. I would not take any question out of its place.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to submit this about the question regarding the death of the D.I.G. Police. It is a very important question and some Members have given calling attention notices.

Mr. Speaker: I have allowed so many questions.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Sir, I am referring to question No. 158, to which Shri Raghunath Singh referred. It is very important and there are some Members who have given calling attention notices.

Mr. Speaker: It may be very important; but others also are important. Once we have decided that we will go by the order in which they are printed, no question of out of turn arises. Next question.

Survey by Tea Board

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*147. { **Shri Bishan Chandra Seth:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Board has conducted a survey of tea consumed by the people;

(b) if so, whether the statistical data has been forwarded to Government;

(c) whether the survey has been conducted throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the names of the States where survey has so far been completed?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). To enable a correct assessment of the pattern of tea consumption in the country, the Tea Board have as a regular feature conducted Random Sample Surveys in selected towns in different parts of the country except Jammu and Kashmir and the Centrally administered areas of Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Andamans & Nicobar Islands. A similar survey has been launched in Delhi very recently. Government is informed about the data collected during each survey. The annual compilation of the Board "Tea Surveys" contains this data and the conclusions in respect of the different towns surveyed during each year.

श्री विशानचन्द्र सेठ : अगर सर्वे हो जाने के बाद यह पता लग जाता कि देश में ख़ात होने वाली चाय के बाद कितनी टो हमारी सरप्लस रहती है और जिसको कि हम फारेन कंट्रीज़ को भेज सकते हैं तो बहुत ही आसानी हो जाती ?

श्री मनभाई शाह : मैं माननीय सदस्य को बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि देश के अन्दर का कंजप्शन घटे अथवा बढ़े, जितनी भी चाय एक्सपोर्ट हो सकती है वह सारी क्वांटिटी एक्सपोर्ट के लिए एवेलेबुल की जायगी ।

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know the way in which these surveys are conducted?

Shri Manubhai Shah: They are mostly family sample surveys. They took about one in 10 houses. If the hon. Member goes into the figures he will find them very revealing as to how tea consumption in certain areas is going up and in other areas it is more or less stable.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER
12 hrs.

Shortage of Cotton

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Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
S.N.Q. Shri Shree Narayan Das:
2. Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Daji:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

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

(a) whether India is facing shortage of cotton as reported in the Press;

(b) if so, what are our annual requirements so far as the textile mills are concerned and how big is the shortage; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the crisis?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Requirements of cotton for consumption in the mills during the current season (1st September, 1961—31st August, 1962) are estimated at 55 to 56 lakh bales. The available supplies coupled with the imports already arranged are considered sufficient to meet the requirements of the mills, but a shortage of the order of 10 lakh bales in the carry-over stocks at the beginning of the next season is anticipated. The Government are exploring the possibilities of meeting this shortage by imports from various sources including the U.S.P.L. 480 programme arrangements, barter, Russian Trade agreement and the East African countries.

Shri R. G. Dubey: In this connection, may I know whether a delegation representing the East India Cotton Association met the Minister in charge and it was brought to the notice of Government that the ceiling price fixed for various types of cotton are below the ruling market prices and that is one of the reasons