

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं केन्द्रीय बोर्ड की बात कर रहा हूँ ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य यह जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या केन्द्रीय बोर्ड के बारे में राज्य सरकारों से कोई खती-किताबत हुई है ?

श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना : जैसा कि मैंने अभी कहा है, बाज़र राज्य सरकारों में तो हाउसिंग बोर्ड बन चुके हैं, लेकिन केन्द्रीय बोर्ड अभी तक बना नहीं है । अगर हमने केन्द्रीय बोर्ड बनाया तो ज़रूरी बात है कि उस का सम्बन्ध राज्य सरकारों से होगा ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मेरा प्रश्न यह था कि जो केन्द्रीय बोर्ड बन रहा है, क्या उस में राज्यों के प्रतिनिधि रहेंगे, उन का इस बोर्ड से क्या सम्बन्ध रहेगा और क्या इस बारे में उन के साथ लिखा-पढ़ी की गई है । यदि हाँ, तो उस का क्या फल निकला है ?

श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना : जब केन्द्रीय बोर्ड बनेगा, तो ज़रूरी बात है कि उस का और राज्य सरकारों का आपस में सम्बन्ध होगा ।

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: What are the terms and conditions under which the LIC has offered Rs. 16 crores for this purpose?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: I am talking from memory and I think the loan is Rs. 60 crores and not Rs. 16 crores. It is to be repaid over a long period of time and it carries a certain rate of interest which may be 4 or 5 per cent. If the hon. Member wants any specific information, and if he were to write to me I shall gladly supply the information.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: I want to know whether the Ministry has reviewed what has happened to the various housing schemes of the Central Government and how many of them have been left unused because people are unable to pay rent and also whether the Central Housing Board before it proposes to take up the schemes will look into this ques-

tion of rent so that it is, within the power of the people to utilise it?

Mr. Speaker: Let it mature. Now is not the time for considering them; they have not considered these details so far.

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: I may submit that for the latter part of the question, I have already replied that the whole thing is in a fluid stage. As regards the first part of the question, I would invite the attention of the hon. Member to a four page folder, it actually contains 36 pages and it was circulated to all Members of Parliament and it contains a full picture of the various housing schemes, the extent they have been implemented and the money allocated to the various States.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will this Central Housing Board function independently of the Planning Commission or will it be a limb of the Planning Commission?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: It will be under the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply and if it is ever set up, the Planning Commission shall certainly be consulted.

Shri Shiv Charan Gupta: May I know whether the Central Housing Board will attend to the problems of the Union Territories as well or separate housing boards are proposed to be created for the Union Territories?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: I am a Member representing Delhi. I shall certainly see that Delhi is included.

Export of Salt to Japan

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*244 { Shri M. R. Krishna:
Shrimati Maimoona
Sultan:

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

(a) whether an agreement has been concluded between the Governments of India and Japan recently for supply of Indian salt to the latter;

(b) if so, what are the main terms of the agreement; and

(c) how much salt is likely to be exported to that country under the agreement annually?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The State Trading Corporation has recently concluded an agreement for sale of salt to Japan.

(b) and (c). About 250,000 metric tons of salt per year will be exported to Japan under this agreement. The quality will be coarse marine salt with 94 to 95% NaCl standard.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether it is a fact that Japan is also importing salt from Pakistan and, if so, what is the price that they are paying for it?

Shri Manubhai Shah: They want to buy some quantity from us. They buy from both the countries.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether it is a long-term agreement or a short one?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is a long-term agreement.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : जो कीमत जापान पाकिस्तान सरकार को नमक की दे रहा है और जो वह भारत सरकार को दे रहा है, इन दोनों कीमतों में कितना अन्तर है और भारत सरकार का नमक कुछ लाभ में बिक रहा है या घाटे में बिक रहा है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : ज्यादातर बहुत थोड़ा हम से ही खरीदते हैं क्योंकि वहाँ पर राक साल्ट की इतनी मांग नहीं है जितनी मैरीन साल्ट की है। इसलिए हमारा एग्ग्रिमेंट ही बड़ा है।

श्री का० रा० गुप्त : जो आप का नमक है यह सांभर नमक है या कोस्टल नमक है ? और क्या

श्री मनुभाई शाह : मैरीन साल्ट है, सांभर का नमक वे नहीं खाते हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर। जब एक मैम्बर साहब सवाल कर लें तो फिर अपनी जगह पर बैठ जायें ताकि वजीर साहब खड़े हो कर जवाब दे सकें। वे अपनी जगह पर खड़े न रहें।

Shri S. C. Samanta: How much of this salt is meant for edible purposes and how much for industrial purposes?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This is mostly edible. We are told that they consume it also for industrial purposes by further refining it.

Shri Oza: In view of the fact that salt is required for industrial purposes also, may I know whether the Government will examine the possibility of exporting the inland salt from Kandla to Japan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Kandla is included because Kandla is having marine salt. It is only the Kharagoda and Sambhar salts which are not saleable there; because, as the hon. Member himself knows, the price of these salts is very much higher than the marine salt. We are trying to increase the internal production and double up our export to Japan by further approaches to the Japanese Government and the Japanese importers.

Shri Raghunath Singh: How does the internal price compare with the price elsewhere?

Shri Manubhai Shah: These two are quite different, because the internal price has not much relation. Also, I would not like to disclose the price at which we promote this export to Japan.

• Boosting up of Exports

*245. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken measures to enlist the cooperation of international agencies and institutions to boost exports;