

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब सरकार इस बात का पता लगा चुकी है कि तम्बाकू खाने और पीने वालों को बीमारी हो जाती है तो सरकार क्या पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस के लिये कोई सक्रिय कदम उठा रही है?

श्री कर्मरकर : पंचवर्षीय योजना में तम्बाकू खाने के लिये या

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: I want to know whether Government have formulated any constructive step in the Second Five Year Plan to check this sort of chewing of tobacco and smoking of cigarettes?

Shri Karmarkar: They have given due publicity.

Mr. Speaker: I find a number of questions being put on the floor of this House trying to elicit information which information is available in the records in the Library, in the Government notifications and various other publications. I would once again request hon. Members during the interval, on a Sunday, to read all the rules regulating questions and the manner in which questions are to be put. There are many questions which are argumentative or suggesting something—other than eliciting information. If we analyse and chuck out such questions, there won't be more than 10 questions a day. That is what I find.

In the earlier days of this Parliament, because a number of Members were new, I allowed these questions. But the number of questions outside the perimeter is increasing. The hon. Member can have access to the Second Five Year Plan. Let him read it again and see whether there is anything relating to tobacco, extensive cultivation or asking people to chew more or not to chew. Why should he ask that question of the hon. Minister?

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Just now the hon. Minister stated that they have come to some finding that the chew-

ing of tobacco and the smoking of tobacco causes cancer.

Mr. Speaker: True.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: It has been discovered only recently. That is why I put a question whether it has been provided in the Second Five Year Plan or not. The Plan has to be changed from year to year.

Mr. Speaker: The Plan has to be changed from minute to minute. I am not going to allow this question.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that the chewing of betel-nut is also injurious?

Shri Karmarkar: About betel-nut we have no incriminating evidence. On the other hand, the chewing of pan does some good. It is only with the chewing and smoking of tobacco that we had evidence that it is injurious to health; so far as the researches in cancer go in one or other institute it has been found that chewing of tobacco and smoking of tobacco is highly injurious to health.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether Government is in touch with the researches in England where this question of the effect of tobacco has been studied and discovered as dangerous and may I know what action they have taken?

Shri Karmarkar: We have been in close touch with various journals and researches carried on not only in England but in other countries also and there also it has been found that there is a proneness to cancer in the case of tobacco smokers than in others.

Purchase Mission for Port Equipment

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Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Wodeyar:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Ques-

tion No. 1524 on the 11th September, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the composition of the team which was to be sent abroad to purchase modern equipment for Indian Ports has since been decided;

(b) if so, the Members of the team;

(c) whether the team has completed its work; and

(d) if so, the results achieved?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The team consists of Secretary, Department of Transport, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Senior Assistant Mechanical Superintendent, Bombay Port Trust.

(c) The team left India on the 18th November, 1957 and is due to return on the 20th December.

(d) Does not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the countries which the team will visit?

Shri Raj Bahadur: UK and a few other countries including Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, France and Holland.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: What is the estimated value of the equipment that this team will negotiate?

Shri Raj Bahadur: About a crore of rupees.

Shri Kasliwal: Is the team purchasing equipment for new ports or for developing old ports?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The total equipment that we require is estimated to cost Rs. 4 crores and out of this this team may go in for equipment worth about a crore. This is not for new ports. This is for mechanisation and provision of necessary equipment in the existing ports such as Calcutta.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether before proceeding any tender was invited with regard to the purchase of these equipment?

Shri Raj Bahadur: With the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, a special procedure has been evolved in this case and they have been authorised for the sake of expedition not to call for tenders but to make on the spot purchases.

नजफगढ़ के नाले

*५८६ श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में नजफगढ़ के नाले की खुदाई हो रही है;

(ख) यह खुदाई कब तक समाप्त हो जाने की आशा है ; और

(ग) इस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पं० शा० देशमुख) :

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के अन्त तक ।

(ग) ४ लाख रुपये ।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो नाले की खुदाई हो रही है इसके कारण काफी पानी इकट्ठा हो गया है क्योंकि आगे से खुदा हुआ नहीं है, और इसकी वजह से बहुत बदबू हो रही है और गांव वालों को बड़ी परेशानी हो रही है ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : यह सूचना ठीक है । वहाँ काफी पानी इकट्ठा है जिससे गन्दगी भी होती है । इसी वजह से तो हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि उसको हटायें ।

श्री बाजपेयी : नाले की खुदाई के कारण जो लोग निर्वासित होंगे या प्रभावित होंगे उनके लिये क्या सरकार फायदा देने की व्यवस्था करेगी ?