

power alcohol. But, in areas which are far flung, where the transport of alcohol will be too much expensive for mixing with petrol, naturally, we do not encourage. I can assure the hon. Member that we are taking steps to see that all the alcohol that is produced is fully utilised for chemical production and other requirements.

Shri Jadhav: May I know how far sugar molasses are being used for the production of power alcohol?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Entirely. That is the basic raw material. Of course, we have not been able fully to utilise all the molasses produced in the country.

Standards for Shoe-making

*920. **Shri Warrior:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether the Indian Standards Institution has issued a number of standards concerning shoe-making;

(b) if so, which are the standards proposed, and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to popularise these standards among small-scale shoe-making establishment?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b) The following standards directly concerned with shoe-making have been published by the Indian Standards Institution:

Standards Printed

1. IS: 576-1954 Glazed Kid for Shoe Uppers.
2. IS: 578-1954 Chrome Tanned Box and Willow Kips and Sides for Shoe Uppers.
3. IS: 579-1954 Sole Leather
4. IS: 582-1954 Methods of Sampling and Test for Vegetable & Chrome Tanned Leather.
5. IS: 583-1954 Ammunition Boots for General Purposes.
6. IS: 584-1954 Chaplis, Frontier Pattern for General Purposes.
7. IS: 1016-1956 Methods of Sampling & Test for Oil Tanned Leather.

(c) The Indian Standards Institution itself has taken steps to popularise these standards and the work on the subject by bringing them to the notice of the Small Scale Industries Organisation, besides giving wide publicity to them by the issue of Press Notes to acquaint interested parties with the developments.

Coffee Production and Marketing

*921. **Shri Jinachandran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate banning the import of chicory with immediate effect in view of the high increase in coffee production and acute foreign exchange difficulties;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted an Expert Committee to review the marketing system adopted by the Coffee Board; and

(c) if so, who are the members and what are the terms of reference?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No 17.]

Shri Jinachandran: May I know if there was a resolution by the Coffee Board to stop import of all chickory?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, Sir. The Coffee Board has been of the view that the import of chickory should be stopped. But, we feel that they take a very limited view of the beverages problem.

Shri Basappa: In view of the fact that there is keen competition in the world market for coffee and in view of the fact that our coffee is a good foreign exchange-earner, may I know whether any steps have been taken to see that the export duty is reduced and also to prevent some of the State Governments putting a ceiling on coffee plantation, because the Jatti Committee in Mysore is going to put a ceiling on coffee plantations?

Shri Kanungo: As it is, we are unable to meet the entire demand for export as it has developed. In any case, in the answer, we have said that there is a committee working on the marketing scheme, particularly for exports. As far as ceilings etc. are concerned, I suppose the State Governments have got the absolute right under the Constitution to decide what they think is right.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether even the Kerala Government have not put any ceiling, and also whether the Planning Commission is not very much in favour of putting ceilings?

Shri Kanungo: As far as I remember, the Planning Commission have offered advice that ceilings on land should not be put for plantation crops including coffee.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know the members of the expert committee, and the terms of reference?

Shri Kanungo: The terms of reference are rather long; they are to suggest more efficient methods of marketing. The members are: Mr. A. N. Sattanathan, Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Ramaswamy and Mr. Srinivasan.

Shri Tangamani: In view of the demand in the internal market and also of the necessity for exporting it may I know whether Government will consider the question of increasing the acreage under coffee?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, there is a very elaborate scheme for helping in the re-plantation and increase of the acreage under coffee, and it has been operating satisfactorily for the last two years.

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether there is any restriction with regard to the cultivation of chickory and its marketing inside the country?

Shri Kanungo: Marketing is not controlled. Import of Chickory is controlled, of course, on the basis of the exchange availability.

Mr. Speaker: All that the hon. Member wants to know is whether there is any prohibition against the production of chickory inside the country.

Shri Kanungo: There is no prohibition.

Shri Punnoose: Are Government aware that certain European planters are banning their workers from cultivating this chickory?

Shri Kanungo: We have no information about it, but then anyone can grow chickory as he likes. There is no prohibition here in our country.

Shri Jinachandran: Is it not a fact that by mixing of chickory with coffee, coffee loses its taste?

Shri Kanungo: There are two opinions about it. As a matter of fact, French coffee which is relished by many people requires an admixture of chickory.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether Government are trying to put a control on new planting and re-planting of coffee plantations, and whether sufficient arrangements have been made for that?

Shri Kanungo: There is no control. In fact, I have said that very attractive inducements are given for re-planting and extension of planting.

Shri Shankaraiya: May I know whether in view of the shortage of coffee, any experiment has been carried out to make use of coffee husk and use it for coffee?

Shri Kanungo: Coffee husk is not necessary; any experimentation with coffee husk for drinking is not necessary.

Export of Woollen Cloth

*922. **Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of woollen cloth exported to other countries during the year 1957-58;