

**Radio-Active Contamination**

\*361. **Shri Narasimhan:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various important articles of imported food such as milk and milk-powder are tested for assessing their radio-active contamination;

(b) if so, whether any organisation has been set up for the purpose; and

(c) whether the recent increase in the number of nuclear tests has been found to have any direct effect on articles of imported food of the category mentioned above?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). While sample analysis of indigenous edible and imported milk powder are carried out in the laboratories of the Atomic Energy Commission with a view to ascertaining their radio-active content, no large-scale or systematic test of all imported foodstuffs is done, as Government do not consider it necessary or practicable.

(c) According to the findings of the United Nations Committee on the effects of atomic radiation, radio-active contamination of the environment resulting from explosions of nuclear weapons constitutes a growing increment to worldwide radiation levels. The results of the analysis of foodstuffs, both here and in other countries, however, show that the radio-active concentration in foodstuffs is at present insignificant and below the danger level.

**Eucalyptus Oil**

\*362. **Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of the annual production of Eucalyptus oil in India in general, and Nilgiris in particular has been made;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) what are our internal requirements annually;

(d) whether export possibilities have been explored; and

(e) whether Government contemplate the establishment of an Institute of Research and Marketing Survey of Eucalyptus Oil?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Mannabhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Between 2,50,000 to 3,00,000 lbs.

(d) Yes, Sir. But the main difficulty is the low cineol content of the indigenous oil.

(e) Research work connected with development of essential oil industry is already carried out at various national research laboratories. Directorate of Agriculture and Marketing Inspection are also exploring possibilities of laying standards for the quality of Eucalyptus Oil for export.

**Revision of U.N. Charter**

\*363. **Shri Koratkar:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state as to how the matter regarding the revision of the U.N. Charter stands at present?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): There have been no developments since the Starred Question on the same subject, No. 1489 by Shri D. C. Sharma, was answered on 5th September, 1957.

**Film on Untouchability**

\*364. { Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1021 on the 18th March, 1958 and state the progress so far made in regard to the proposal for producing a full length educative film on the removal of untouchability?