

correcting some of the maps that are published by other countries showing some of the territories as belonging to them? How do we counter that from our side?

Dr. M. M. Das: That is a bigger question I am not in a position to reply to that question just now

✓ भारत विभाजन का इतिहास

✓ *१०५४ श्री प्रकाश शीर शास्त्री क्या वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा और सांस्कृतिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार भारत के विभाजन का विस्तृत इतिहास लिखवा रही है,

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह कब तक तैयार हो जायेगा; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा और सांस्कृतिक कार्य उपमंत्री (डा० म० मो० दाम) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) सवाल पंदा नहीं होता।

(ग) सरकार नहीं समझती कि अभी ऐसा करना जरूरी या उचित है।

An Hon. Member: In English also

Dr. M. M. Das: (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Government do not consider that it is necessary or opportune to do so now

✓ श्री प्रकाश शीर शास्त्री जहा तक भारत विभाजन का सम्बन्ध है, अब तक जो साहित्य उपलब्ध है उसमें कुछ प्रमाणित स्मिथर्सों के द्वारा भी लिखित साहित्य है, जिस तरह से कि भारतवर्ष के भूतपूर्व गवर्नर जनरल श्री लार्ड माउटबेटन के प्रेस पर्टेची ने एक पुस्तक लिखी है, इसी प्रकार इंग्लैंड के

✓ प्रवाण मंत्री श्री चर्चिल महोदय ने अपनी भात्मक्या के कुछ भाग में भारत विभाजन के सम्बन्ध में लिखा है, और अभी एक ताजा पुस्तक भारत सरकार के सांस्कृतिक कार्य मंत्री श्री हुमायूँ कबिर द्वारा लिखी गयी है जो कि मौलाना आजाद के नाम से प्रकाशित हुई। इन मारी ही पुस्तकी में भारत विभाजन का भिन्न भिन्न रूपों में इतिहास दिया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हू कि क्या यह भ्रमणा नहीं होगी कि जब इस प्रकार की पुस्तकी में सरदार पटेल जैसे गौरवशाली व्यक्तित्व को विपरीत चर्चा का विषय बनाया जाता है, तो भारत सरकार अपनी ओर से कोई प्रमाणित साहित्य तैयार करके देश को दे।

Dr. M. M. Das: That is a suggestion for action. At present, there is no such proposal before the Government of India

Mr. Speaker. He failed to put that in the form of a question. It is not a suggestion. What he wants to know is, in the face of the conflicting statements and allegations against responsible people how is it that the Government are keeping quiet. That is the question

Dr. M. M. Das: If the House desires, we can examine the question

Medicinal Plants

*1055. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the places where collection of information and research is being made in medicinal plants,

(b) whether there is any co-ordination of this research, and

(c) what machinery exists to take advantage of the information so collected and research made?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) A statement is placed

on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No. 74]

(b) and (c). The Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation, which has been established recently, provides the central agency for co-ordination of research in this field. This Organisation will also advise on the ways and means of utilisation of the results of research and information collected

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know what is the composition of this newly established Central organisation and the manner in which it proposes to conduct itself?

Dr. M. M. Das: Only last October, the governing body and the Board of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research have approved the setting up of this organisation. An Executive Committee has been formed consisting of 11 Members. If you permit me, I can read out the names.

Mr. Speaker: Not necessary.

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as the detailed plan of this organisation is concerned, I have got the details covering about 5 or 6 cyclostyled pages. If the hon Member wants, I can send him a copy.

Mr. Speaker: It may be placed in the Library.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Don't you think that such information should have been made available before as is done in other matters, so that we can ask certain questions? He says "This information is available and we will place it on the Table of the House if you desire". Otherwise, we cannot frame any questions, we cannot ask any questions.

Mr. Speaker: Wherever hon Ministers feel that a long statement is necessary to elucidate the points raised in a question, they will, of their own accord, place a copy in the Notice Office, and will issue notice that those statements are available in the Office, so that hon Members may pursue the matter by supplementary questions.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know, if, before the establishment of this organisation, any effort had been made at co-ordination, and what agency was there which has now been replaced by this organisation?

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as my knowledge goes, there was no co-ordinating central agency before the setting up of the CIMPO—the Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know if the opinion of the Ministry of Health, and particularly that section of the Ministry of Health which deals with similar subjects, was obtained before setting up this organisation?

Dr. M. M. Das: Yes, Sir.

Shri Kadiyan: From the statement we find that collection of information and research in medicinal plants is being carried out by various universities and various departments of the State Governments also. May I know whether the Central Government is giving any financial assistance to these universities and State Governments which carry out this research, and if so, what is the extent of the assistance given?

Dr. M. M. Das: Assistance is given for carrying out particular schemes of research to those institutions when they take up such schemes. Now the central organisation has come into being, and they will consider this question in greater detail.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether Mr. Kingdon Ward who is a noted botanist and who has collected a good number of herbs and plants in the Sub-Himalayan ranges is being contacted for this purpose, and if so, with what result?

Dr. M. M. Das: We have got no information at present.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know what budget provision exists for this specific purpose, and how much has been spent during the Second Plan on this specific purpose, parti-

cularly regarding the indigenous medicines?

Dr. M. M. Das: For this organisation, the central co-ordinating agency, staff is now being recruited and the actual work will begin from the next financial year. We think, according to present calculations, Rs. 7 lakhs will be required for the next two years.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I asked not for this particular organisation, but for this specific purpose of research, whether any money has been spent on this particular purpose during the three years.

Dr. M. M. Das: In the list of organisations that has been submitted, there are 15 different types of organisations—the Central Government, the State Government and universities and other institutions are there—who are at present carrying out this work. It is difficult to say what organisation is spending how much money.

Shri Manasen: May I know whether the Government is aware that the higher regions in Darjeeling District have vast potentialities of medicinal plants, and particularly on the border of Bhutan and Darjeeling, at a place called Rongo they are running a medicinal plantation on an experimental basis; if so, to what extent the Government is giving them aid?

Dr. M. M. Das: The West Bengal Government has taken up the matter, and they are carrying out investigations. They have appointed officers to do that work. If the West Bengal Government asks for financial help from us, we will consider.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: In view of the fact that medicinal plants like Amla are being destroyed, is there any attempt being made on the part of research to grow this plant in connected farms?

Dr. M. M. Das: I have said there are a large number of organisations which are doing this type of work now. The central co-ordinating

agency has just been established, and it will do this work.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Sarhadi.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Question Nos. 1056 and 1075 might be taken up together.

Sardar Majithia: If the Members are here and you permit.

Mr. Speaker: Mohammed Imam. He is here.

Sardar Majithia: I have got no objection.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, 1075 also will be answered along with this.

Shri. Electronics (Private), Ltd.

*1056. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics (Private) Ltd. is keeping to the Schedule of production in the current year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Only partially, Sir.

(b) The production programme for the current year was based on anticipated orders. But the orders were not received sufficiently early; and, consequently, production could not be taken up as planned.

✓ **Production in Bharat Electronics**

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✓ *1075. { **Shri Mohammed Imam:**
KnMari Veda Kumari:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the value of total production in Bharat Electronics (Private) Limited, Bangalore during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to take up new lines of production?