

कठिनतर दृश्यनिमित्तम बनेगा जिसकी हिन्दु-
स्तान की शक्ति ज्यादा जरूरत है।

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Is it not a fact that the MP Electricity Board submitted a proposal through the MP Government, offering to give electricity at cheaper rates than what is going to be obtained from the Rihand Project?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is precisely the point which you, Sir, very kindly mentioned. There are more than one State which are competing for the aluminium plant and it is a good luck for that part of the State of Uttar Pradesh which has no heavy industries as we try to locate it there. But I can assure hon. Members from other States also that as the plants go on expanding we may produce more and more aluminium in as many States as possible.

Manufacture of Paper

*874 **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether the experiment to manufacture paper from Chirwood pulp which is abundantly found on the other Himalayas and Shevalik range of mountain has been found to be successful?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): No experiment to manufacture paper from Chirwood pulp (Twisted Pine) is necessary as this material is an accepted raw material for the production of paper.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश में और हिमाचल प्रदेश में जो इस प्रकार के वृक्ष हैं उनका उपयोग और किसी प्रकार से भी हो सकता है या नहीं अगर पेपर के लिये नहीं हो सकता?

श्री मनुभाई साहू: पेपर के लिये तो उसका उपयोग होना ही, लेकिन वह और कानों में भी जा सकता है जैसे कार्ट बोर्ड,

चोप बोर्ड और ज्वाक बुक बर्गरह बनाने में। हमारा इरादा है कि इस किस्म का जितना सेल्यूलोज रा मैटिरियल है उसका पूरा इस्तेमाल किया जाये।

Export of Tea

*876. { **Shri M. B. Thakore:**
Shri Jaipal Singh:
Shri Bhanja Deo:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea exports from North-East India fell considerably in February, 1959; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The decline was due to heavy accumulation of stocks in the London warehouses. Heavy internal buying during the month also contributed to the decline in exports.

Shri M. B. Thakore: May I know the total export of tea to United Kingdom and USSR in the years 1958 and 1959?

Shri Satish Chandra: From January to May 1958 the exports to UK were 90.8 million lbs. In 1959, in the first five months exports were 53 million lbs. To USSR from January to May 1958, they were 5 million lbs and for the corresponding period in 1959 about 9 million lbs.

Shri Vajpayee: Is it not a fact that as a result of decline in export of tea, the tea growers all over the country and especially in Andhra, are facing a serious crisis?

Mr. Speaker: Tea growers in?

Shri Vajpayee: Andhra

Mr. Speaker: Andhra?

Shri Vajpayee: I am sorry, in Assam I was confusing tea with tobacco.

Shri Satish Chandra: Regarding the tea growers...

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. Member has confused tea with tobacco, why should that be answered?

Shri P. C. Boroohah: Is it a fact that the export of tea up to July 31st is lower by 40 million lbs as compared to the previous year?

Shri Satish Chandra: Yes Sir That is so The main decline was in the earlier months of January to May From June the position has improved In fact, in the month of June 1959 the exports were higher by 5 million lbs as compared to the previous year In July also the position is better But I may admit that the exports are not likely to be as high as they were last year

Shri Hem Barua: The hon Minister has mentioned the reasons for the decline in the export of tea May I know whether it is a fact that the foreign demand for tea, at least for common tea, is withering off due largely to competition, particularly from East Africa? If that is so, what steps do the Government propose to take to improve the market for this tea?

Shri Satish Chandra: All possible steps have been taken during the last year like reduction or adjustment of tariffs, customs duty and excise duty, starting tea promotion campaigns in foreign countries etc The situation is not as bad as is commonly imagined In 1958 we did quite well in the matter of export of tea and the present trend is also satisfactory There were lesser exports in the first 4 or 5 months, because there was heavy accumulation of stocks in London due to heavy buyings towards the end of 1958

Shri B Das Gupta: May I know whether some packages of tea intended for export were examined at Calcutta and found adulterated?

Shri Satish Chandra: This question was put on a previous occasion also and was answered. There might have been an individual case here or there,

but there are no such complaints on a large scale. An individual lapse might have been discovered by the Tea Board

Shri B. Das Gupta: It was found out in Calcutta. . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member will kindly bring it to the notice of the Minister.

श्री जयवीर जयवर्षी मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि १९५८ तथा १९५९ में अपने देश से जो चाय का निर्यात हुआ उसमें हमको कितने विदेशी मुद्रा का अर्जन हुआ ,

श्री सतीश चन्द्र १९५८ में जो चाय का निर्यात हुआ वह करीब १२० करोड़ का था। ठीक फिगर इस समय मेरे पास नहीं है। १९५९ के फिगर अभी नहीं आये हैं।

Shri P. C Boroohah. May I know whether it is a fact that the reduction of sales tax on tea by Ceylon by 50 per cent has resulted in an increase of the export of that country which has adversely affected our exports?

Shri Satish Chandra: This reduction in tax in Ceylon took place very recently and since then our tea is in fact showing improvement

Rehabilitation Ministers' Conference

*877. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Conference of the Rehabilitation Ministers of the States recently held at Srinagar expressed the opinion that the Rehabilitation Ministry should not be wound up; and

(b) if so, how far will it affect the decision of the Central Government to wind up the Ministry?