

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I ventured to reply to a similar question some time back. This question may be divided up into two parts. One part involves the question of Kashmir and the territory, as we say, forcibly occupied by Pakistan. That is the larger issue. The other part is the construction of dams etc. and their use for canal waters. That is a question which can arise even between two countries who want to profit by such purpose. That does not involve any transfer of territory. Often between two countries such a proposal is made jointly or severally and some agreement is arrived at as to the benefits etc. of that, and they agree to certain submergence of their own territory. That does not involve any transfer of territory. In this particular matter, because it is connected with the major Kashmir issue, we have taken objection repeatedly and brought this matter up before the United Nations, Security Council, and all the papers in regard to it have been placed previously on the Table of the House.

**Shri Damani:** May I know how far our treaty on Indus Basin water is going to be affected by this project?

**Mr. Speaker:** The quantity will be lessened.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Well, the quantity will not be lessened, the quantity will be put in a reservoir to be used. That will be controllable. It is not that the water flows away; it will be kept in a reservoir for use when needed.

**Mr. Speaker:** How much will we suffer?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** That, Sir, depends on what the agreement is. The various proposals made in the past and even in the present have been about a division of the various rivers in the Punjab. In that division this river goes to Pakistan, so that from that point of view, if that is agreed to, we do not suffer for lack of water.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether any reply has been received to our various protest letters to the Security Council; if so, may I know whether they have taken any action and what that action is?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The letters we have sent to the Security Council have as usual been circulated to all the members of the Security Council. Pakistan has put in counter letters which have also been circulated.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know the reaction of the various countries? If both the letters have been circulated, could we ascertain the reaction of the various countries to those letters, whether it is in our favour or not?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I am not able to say.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know whether it is a fact that the Mangla Dam dispute is essentially a part of the Kashmir dispute; if so, whether the solution of the Mangla Dam dispute is interlinked with the solution of the bigger issue, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, may I know what steps Government have taken to see that this problem is solved independently and is not interlinked with the bigger issue?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have just ventured to explain, Sir, that this involves two aspects. There is, as the hon. Member has said, the Kashmir dispute which involves the sovereignty over this area, and we claim that sovereignty. The other is the distribution of certain waters, which may be dealt with apart from the question of sovereignty by agreement or otherwise. Therefore, I cannot deal with the first question, it is a big issue; the second is one which might be dealt with without affecting the sovereignty of a country.

#### Manufacture of Pencils

\*183. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pencil manufacturing units in India and their production capacity;

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to step further increase in the manufacturing units of pencils; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the same?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) There are 14 pencil manufacturing units and their total installed capacity is 15.7 lakh gross per annum.

(b) and (c). No, Sir; as such a consumer item could still be produced in larger quantities and the resulting competition would also enable continuous improvement in quality.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know the amount of money spent on the import of these pencils from abroad?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Nil.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any quality control is going to be imposed on the manufacture of pencils because the pencils that come from outside are better?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There is no question of any quality control. The hon. Member will be pleased to see that some of the pencils manufactured in the country, both coloured and black, are of the high quality comparable to pencils made anywhere in the world.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या अभी भी हमारे यहां बाहर से कोई पेंसिलें आती हैं और अगर नहीं आती हैं तो हमारे यहां जो पेंसिलें बनती हैं, उनके बाहर भेजने की क्या कोई व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I am glad the hon. Member raised this question. Actually some token exports have taken place, and currently we are discussing with two rupee-payment countries for sizable quantities of pencils to be exported.

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** क्या सरकार देश में जो पेंसिलें बनाने वाली फैक्टरीज हैं उनको

डाइरेक्शन देगी कि गरीब विद्यार्थियों के लिए सस्ते दामों वाली पेंसिलें बनायें ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** काफी सस्ती पेंसिलें बिक रही हैं। हमारी डिमांड जो है वह साढ़े ८ लाख ग्रास की है और हमारी कैपेसिटी १५ लाख ग्रास की है। मैं आनरेबुल मेम्बर से यह विनती करूंगा कि वे बाजार में जा कर स्वयं देखें कि यह पेंसिलें काफी सस्ती बिक रही हैं और इम्पोर्ट से तो एक तिहाई दाम से भी सस्ती पड़ती हैं।

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether there is any possibility of more exports of these pencils from these units to other countries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I replied a similar question in Hindi. I said that we are making very token exports for the present, but in one or two countries which we visited recently we found that they are large consumers of pencils and they do not make adequate quantities. So we are discussing with one or two rupee-payment countries for some sizable exports going out from here.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether the unit in Madras has got plans to expand its capacity; if so, whether the Government will help that unit to expand?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Madras is one of our best pencil producing units. They are the pioneers in pencils and they are making a very wide range of pencils. All assistance they need will be given.

**Shri N. N. Patel:** May I know how many such pencil manufacturing units are there in the Bombay State and where they are situated?

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. Member is interested, he may table a separate question.