

Sholapur known as Juni Mill has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) whether it is likely that the management will declare lock-out; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether Government are going to take the mill in possession?

Shri Kanungo: No.

Air Space Violations

*1395. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 480 on the 30th May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Government has given any reply to the protest made by India in regard to air space violations; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Not so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri D. C. Sharma: How long have we to wait before we get a reply from the Pakistan Government, and has any reminder been sent to them to this effect?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): How long are we to wait? I suppose we have to wait as long as it does not come.

Nuclear Test on Christmas Island

*1396. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether after-effects of an H. bomb test at Christmas Island by

the British Government have been observed and studied by any Indian scientists at official or non-official level;

(b) if so, whether results of such observation and study are available; and

(c) the important findings of such study?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a), (b) and (c). The increase in the radioactivity of the air on 4th, 9th and 10th June at Bombay and 15th June at Delhi, was about 3 to 4 times the average during the month. This may be due to the test explosions at Christmas Island.

No adverse effects are likely so long as the level of radioactivity prescribed as harmful is not reached. According to the presently accepted standards of safe radiation levels, radioactivity so far produced is much below the danger level.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the agency through which this examination was made and results obtained?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: This was made at the Atomic Energy Establishment in Trombay near Bombay.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether we have received any reaction to the Resolution that this House passed last session protesting against nuclear and thermo-nuclear explosions in the Pacific area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir; we have received nothing.

Shri Mohamed Imam: It was reported sometime ago that they had a red rain somewhere in Malabar and the redness was due to radio-activity. Have Government made any investigation about this?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. The redness may be caused by many reasons, not necessarily radio-activity.

Shri Dasappa: May I know if it is a fact that large quantities of fish were found dead in the west coast of India and that that was ascribed to radio activity?

Mr. Speaker: Shri V. P. Nayar asked a question like that the other day. The Minister said that they were floating from there coming from some other distant place, that during particular seasons a number of fish die and so on.

Shri Dasappa: The Minister was trying to find an explanation. I want to know whether further inquiries have been made, and any satisfactory results had been obtained.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There is absolutely no reason to suppose that radio-activity is the cause of all abscesses in the world at the moment, including death of fish.

Australian Trade Delegation

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*1397. { Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

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

(a) whether a second Australian trade delegation has visited the country recently; and

(b) if so, the nature of the subjects discussed with the delegation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Only two Australian officials visited the country for exploratory talks with a view to assessing the scope for negotiating a trade and tariff agreement between the two countries. The discussions of them were naturally of a general nature.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether there is any bilateral agreement between Australia and India existing and whether there have been any changes recently to the advantage of this country?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: As Australia and India are both main exporters of raw materials to European countries, may I know whether Government had any discussion with regard to the results of the European common market scheme because Europe is one of the main importers of the raw materials, and with what result?

Shri Kanungo: We had no discussion on this with Australia bilaterally

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: As trade between Australia and India is mainly disturbed due to the non-availability of shipping, may I know whether any discussion took place to provide shipping facilities by Australia to India?

Shri Kanungo: This was one of the difficulties which were discussed; but, we never asked Australia to provide the facilities.

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*1400. { Shri Assar:
Shri Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of money was sanctioned by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting towards printing posters regarding fifteen point programme given by Prime Minister to Bharat Sevak Samaj;

(b) if so, the amount;

(c) how many posters were printed and where they were distributed; and

(d) the amount spent by the Central Information Centre of the Bharat Sevak Samaj during 1956-57 on the Five Year Plan publicity work?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keekar): (a) to