

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.

Bharat Sevak Samaj

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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

(d). Government made a grant of Rs. 2.69 lakhs for publicity work on Five Year Plan to the Bharat Sevak Samaj, which probably includes a small sum for publication of the posters. Government have no information how many pamphlets etc. they printed. The Samaj being an unofficial organisation does not submit accounts of the details of their work but only give us audited accounts of the sums granted to them. Audited account of the actual figure of expenditure will be available later on.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: The hon. Minister just now stated that the audited accounts would be submitted by the Bharat Sevak Samaj. I would like to know who is the auditor that examines the accounts of this Samaj.

Dr. Keskar: I would require notice.

सेठ अचल सिंह क्या यह उचित नहीं है कि गवर्नमेंट भारत सेवक समाज से रिपोर्ट मागे कि उन्होंने क्या काम किया है ?

डा० केसकर : जी हाँ, रिपोर्ट काम होने के बाद दी जाती है और कोई इसी तरीके की रकम भारत सेवक समाज या किसी ऐसी मस्था को देने के पहले वह एक अपनी स्कीम हमारे सामने पेश करते हैं और वह स्कीम मंजूर होने के बाद ही उन को कुछ प्रांट दी जाती है ।

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether these facilities or financial aid for the submission of schemes given only to the Bharat Sevak Samaj or whether other organisations also are given the same privilege?

Dr. Keskar: This privilege is extended to a number of organisations and will be extended to a still greater number who are interested in doing publicity for the Five Year Plan. In fact, we sent out a circular asking a number of such bodies if they are interested and that we will be ready to give them grants. At present, the Ramakrishna Mission, The

All India Women's Conference and Y.W.C.A. and the Harijan Seva Sangh are the other bodies which are also getting grants.

Pandit J. P. Jyotishi: May I know whether the report of the working of the Bharat Sevak Samaj has been published?

Dr. Keskar: I think there is a report. As I said, they need not submit the report to us. They only submit, for example, the audited account of the sum that they get from us and which they spend.

Forward Trading in Bullion

*1401. **Shri Baghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to permit forward trading in bullion only in four centres out of more than twenty-five in India?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): The matter is under consideration.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इन २५ स्थानों में से सिर्फ ४ स्थानों में फॉरवर्ड ट्रेडिंग परमिट करने का क्या कारण है ?

श्री कानूनगो १९४७ के कानून के अनुसार बम्बई में एक ही एक्सचेंज चालू है । अब कितनी जगहों पर यह परमिट किया जाय या न किया जाय इसका विचार चल रहा है । २५ जगहों की जो बात कहते हैं तो उत्तर प्रदेश में ही २५ सेंटर्स से अधिक होंगे और हिन्दुस्तान में तो और भी अधिक होंगे ?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: From the original question and answer it appears that the intention of Government is to restrict forward market in bullion. May I know the reason and purpose of that? Is it a fact that the price of gold has become very fluctuating and that is the reason why Government want to restrict this?