

the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 32].

(d) Production of the more urgent items has stepped up.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know what were the reasons for the fall in production in 1949-50 in the departmental works at 3 centres?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** So far as the Alipur and Bombay workshops are concerned—whether there was any fall in production in that year, I am not quite sure; but so far as this particular workshop at Jabalpur is concerned, the production has not been falling.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the stores purchase system has been altered in any way?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have tried to raticonalize the procurement of raw materials etc. and for that we have set up common standards for the 3 workshops.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the divisional stores are being re-organized and located at more convenient centres?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I am not quite sure of the divisional stores. I will have to check up.

#### TOBACCO

\*594. **Shri Charak:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what work the Indian Central Tobacco Committee has done in developing the trade in Tobacco?

(b) What is the total production and consumption of Tobacco in India since 1947?

(c) What is the percentage of Tobacco consumption in India comparing with other countries?

(d) How many Tobacco Industries are in India before Partition and after Partition?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) A note showing the measures taken by the Indian Central Tobacco Committee to develop the trade in tobacco is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 33].

(b) The production and consumption of tobacco in India from 1947-48 to 1951-52 are given below:—

Year	Production (in million lbs.)	Consumption (in million lbs.)
1947-48 . . . . .	542	437
1948-49 . . . . .	571	359
1949-50 . . . . .	591	472
1950-51 . . . . .	589	491
1951-52 . . . . .	504	508

(c) The percentage of tobacco consumption in India and other important countries to the total tobacco consumption in the world is as follows:—

Country	Percentage of the total con- sumption in the world.
India . . . . .	7.06
America . . . . .	19.53
U.K. . . . .	4.25
Japan . . . . .	3.01
Canada . . . . .	1.70
Turkey . . . . .	0.86
Greece . . . . .	0.83
Rhodesia . . . . .	0.28

(d) The following tobacco industries were in vogue in India before partition:—

- (1) Curing.
- (2) Grading.
- (3) Warehousing.
- (4) Redrying.
- (5) Manufacture of cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, bidis, cherning tobacco and snuff.

In addition the following industries have been set up after partition:—

- (1) Extraction of Nicotine Sulphate from tobacco waste.
- (2) Extraction of Tobacco seed oil.

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** May I know whether the export of tobacco is left entirely in the hands of private trade or is controlled by any system of licensing or by agreement by the Government with other Governments, buying and selling being on Government level?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I am afraid, I have not got detailed information here.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** May I know the name of the country to which we export the largest quantity of tobacco?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the information.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know the total annual output of Nicotine Sulphate?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I must ask for notice.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhury:** Is it the policy of the Government to increase the production as well as the consumption of tobacco in India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Production we want to increase; consumption is not our job.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** May I know the reason for the appointment of a Tobacco Sales Officer only in London?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the information about the marketing of tobacco here.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the tobacco research station was to be established in a village in Jalpaiguri District, but recently it has been changed to a town and may I know the reason?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I am afraid I must ask for notice of this question.

**Shri Syamnandan Sahaya:** Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that the sale of tobacco this year has gone down abnormally and consequently the prices also have gone down abnormally?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That has happened to more than one commodity, Sir.

**Shri Matthen:** May I know if any attempt has been made to improve the quality of tobacco grown in Coimbatore?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes, Sir. It is the function of the Tobacco Committee to increase not only the yield but also the quality.

MEMORANDUM BY LABOUR LEADERS OF  
HYDERABAD

\*595. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether Government have considered the demands made in the memorandum submitted to the Labour Minister by the Labour Leaders of Hyderabad when he visited that place in regard to appointment of the Mining Board,

Rehabilitation of workers, disable, on account of accidents and extra payment of the wages to workers wherever Coal Industry was declared a Public Utility concern?

(b) If so, what steps have Government taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House indicating the position as regards the points raised in the memorandum. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 34.]

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR HEALTH PROGRAMMES

\*598. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what are the important suggestions and recommendations of the National Co-ordination Committee for Health Programmes so far made to the Government of India?

(b) Which of these recommendations have been accepted and given effect to?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) and (b). The National Coordination Committee for Health Programmes has so far made only one recommendation, namely, that the Central Government (Ministry of Health) should undertake a national malaria control programme. This recommendation has been accepted by Government.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the activities of the various State Governments regarding the National Health programme are covered by this Committee?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** No, Sir. The States are autonomous in the matter of Health. Of course, we have a Central Council of Health whereby we try to coordinate activities. But, this Committee has nothing to do with State activities.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** May I know how far the health of the country has improved after this Health Programme?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I may say that Health activities in all the States have increased greatly. Expectation of life has gone up. With this country-wide Malaria control programme also, we expect very good results.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know whether the Family Planning programme of the Government of India has been considered by this Committee and whether any recommendation has been made by the Committee?