

Shri Nanda: The matter is under active consideration, and will be decided very soon.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know, Sir, how this amount is proposed to be spent?

Shri Nanda: That will depend upon the scheme that is drawn up for the purpose.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या इस सम्बन्ध में प्रदेश की सरकारों की भी राय मांगी गयी है ?

Shri Nanda: We have consulted the experts from various States in this connection.

UTILISATION OF BUILDING MATERIALS

*1429. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether Government propose to publish the main researches carried out in connection with the fullest utilisation of building materials for the benefit of the public?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Buragohain): It has always been Government's policy to publish the results of researches carried out in connection with the utilisation of building materials.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Have the Government put these researches to practical test in any of their works?

Shri Buragohain: I think, Sir, the engineers in charge of constructions do take into account the results of researches carried out by the various institutions in the country.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: How is the general public to make use of these researches?

Shri Buragohain: These are published from time to time, Sir, in the Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, as also in the annual technical report of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: How many villagers make use of these publications?

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps, his point is whether any practical demonstration is given by putting up houses. That is perhaps the point which he wants to make.

Shri Buragohain: The Government has in contemplation the setting up of an organization for this particular purpose of dissemination and also utilization of the results of research, and that organization will be set up some time towards the end of this year.

RESEARCH INSTITUTES FOR TEA

*1430. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether there are at present any research institutes and any demonstration and experimental farms where training in tea tasting and other techniques of the tea industry are imparted?

(b) If so, where are they situated and what is their capacity for training?

(c) If not, when are Government likely to have one of them?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is at present no proposal under consideration of Government to set up any such institute or farm.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Do they feel the necessity of doing that?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As a matter of fact, the necessity is not very pressing. If it is, Government would move in the matter.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Are the Government aware that European firms have got a monopoly in this direction?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Well, Sir, it is true that certain brokers' firms do train people for this purpose. I do believe they have been taking Indian apprentices as well, for the purpose necessary for their trade. It is not a question of any monopoly. There is no question of anybody being prevented from starting any institution of this nature to train people in tea-tasting.

MICA EXPORTS TO U.S.A.

*1432. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was made by the Government through their Embassy in U.S.A. about the fall in the Indian mica imports into U.S.A.;

(b) if so, what information was communicated to the Government;

(c) whether the fall in the imports is in all categories of mica or only in certain categories; and

(d) to what extent foreign mica has been competing with Indian mica in U.S.A. and Japan markets?