

Ministry is interested, they will use the existing ordnance factories for the purpose.

Shri Meghnad Saha: In view of the fact that none of these raw chemicals are manufactured in this country, will the Government take early steps for the establishment of a fundamental chemical organized industry in this country?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: In regard to the first part of the question, I can take the information from the hon. Member. In regard to the second part, Government will act in due course.

Shri T. N. Singh rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I have allowed sufficient number of questions.

PAKISTANI RAIDS INTO EAST PUNJAB

*364. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids made by Pakistanis on the East Punjab border during 1953; and

(b) the names of the places raided?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). There were no raids by Pakistanis on the East Punjab border during the period 1st January 1953 to 30th June 1953.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: To what can this healthy state of affairs be attributed?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Reasons of sanity, Sir.

PROPAGANDA FOR TEA

*365. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what propaganda is carried on for popularising Indian tea in U.S.A.;

(b) whether similar propaganda is done in some other countries also; and

(c) whether any improvement in exports has been noticeable as a result of this propaganda?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No propaganda is carried on in the U.S.A. for popularising Indian tea. The Tea Council of U.S.A. Incorporation of which India, Ceylon and Indonesia are members, undertakes propaganda for popularising tea generally.

(b) Efforts are being made to start similar organisations for propaganda of tea in some other countries.

(c) Imports of tea into the U.S.A. during the first five months of 1953 have increased compared to the corresponding period for 1952. However, it is not possible to state that the increase is due to propaganda.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know if some efforts were made at a conference of certain countries to undertake propaganda for popularising Indian tea in the U.S.A.?

Shri Karmarkar: Not particularly Indian tea. The idea is to popularise tea, and it was as a result of this conference, that my hon. friend referred to, that this work was entrusted to the Tea Council of the U.S.A.

Shrimati A. Kale: Are Government aware that the price of tea is very high in Germany? If so, what arrangements have been made to do propaganda there so that tea can be exported in good amount?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes. We are also in favour of a reasonable price.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether Government has set up any machinery to do propaganda for tea there?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. Recently, the Secretary of our Ministry had been to Germany among other places, and he has mooted discussions for creating a proper organisation for tea, and I am happy to state that German trade organizations have responded. They have offered to participate with us in this venture.

Dr. M. M. Das: Is it not a fact that the withdrawal of India from the International Tea Board and the agree-

ment of India with some tea traders in the U.S.A. were done exclusively for the purpose of making propaganda about Indian tea in the U.S.A.

Shri Karmarkar: No, Sir. That is not a fact.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know when this new arrangement mentioned by the Minister began?

Shri Karmarkar: I could give him the date, but it is some time recently.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: Is the Government considering sending a goodwill mission to the U.S.A. for the purpose of popularising Indian tea?

Shri Karmarkar: The goodwill is already there. There is no need of sending any goodwill mission.

Shri T. K. Chaudhury: May I know if any arrangement has been made to popularise Indian tea in the Middle Eastern countries where flavour is not so much required, and where the common variety of Indian tea has a very good potential market?

Shri Karmarkar: I shall have the matter considered.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: With regard to answer (b), may I know which are these other countries?

Shri Karmarkar: The countries where we have been trying to do propaganda recently are Germany, Holland, U.K., Eire and Switzerland, with varying success in different periods.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether any private organizations interested in tea trade are doing propaganda on behalf of Indian tea, and if so, whether the Government is giving them any financial assistance?

Shri Karmarkar: I do not think we are giving any financial assistance. Any private organization is welcome and free to do any good propaganda that it likes.

Shri Barman: May I know, Sir, what arrangements have been made

and by which agency for the purpose of propaganda in the continent of Europe, after the withdrawal from the International Tea Board?

Shri Karmarkar: I am sorry the hon. Member did not follow my reply. I said: "The Tea Council of the U.S.A. of which India, Ceylon and Indonesia are members, undertakes propaganda for popularising tea generally." That is with regard to the U.S.A. With regard to other countries, as I said, we are proceeding to organize tea propaganda generally.

IMPORT OF FOREIGN LIQUOR

*366. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the exact policy of Government in the matter of issuing licences for the import of foreign liquor for potable purposes?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Licences are granted to established importers only for the imports of:—

1. Ale, beer, porter, cider and other fermented liquors;
2. Wines;
3. Brandy, gin and whisky;
4. Spirits excluding essences containing spirits; and
5. Bitters separately for each of the above varieties, on the basis of 40 per cent. of half of their previous highest imports. Imports of Rum are not allowed. Licences so issued can be utilised for import of any or all of the above articles provided that imports of Ale and Beer do not exceed in value 1/3rd of the total value of the licences held by any importer

Shri Dabhi: May I know the quantity and value of liquor imported into India during the years 1950-51 to 1952-53?

Shri Karmarkar: I could give my hon. friend the value of the total liquor imported. During 1950-51,