

for a US-Pakistan-Turkey military alliance knowing fully well India's opposition to such a plan?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We are not aware of the motive behind this propaganda.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : यह प्रोपेगेंडा जो कि टीकी में हुआ है, वह राजनैतिक आघात पर हुआ है या वामिनी आघात पर किया गया है, वामिनी भावना के संग है या राजनैतिक भावना के ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : जहाँ तक हमें मालूम है, राजनैतिक आघात पर हुआ है, कभी कभी उस में दूसरा इशारा हो तो यकायक कहा नहीं जा सकता ।

Shri G. P. Sinha rose,—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: Are the Government aware of anti-Indian propaganda generally in all the Middle East countries, and if so, what special measures are taken by the Government to check it?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Yes, Sir. Government are aware of this and the normal measures we take is to counteract it and to present the facts correctly to our Missions and to the people in those countries.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: In what way?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: May I add, Sir, lest there be any misapprehension in this House, that while there is of course anti-Indian propaganda there, the general feeling in the Middle Eastern countries is very friendly to India.

नमक का परिवहन भाड़ा

*८२८. श्री बीरबल सिंह : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या बम्बई के नमक उत्पादक संघ ने केन्द्रीय सरकार से यह अपील की है कि तटवर्ती नगरों में नमक पहुँचाने का भाड़ा

इतना कम कर देना चाहिये कि वह विश्व के भाड़ा-व्यय के समग्ररूप हो जाये;

(ख) क्या यह सत्य है कि नमक इस कारण महंगा पड़ता है क्योंकि इसे पहले स्टीमर द्वारा कचरुता भेजा जाता है और वहाँ से उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, बंगाल, उड़ीसा और असाम भेजा जाता है; और

(ग) क्या संघ का यह सुझाव, कि यदि भाड़ा कम न किया जा सके तो नमक उत्पादकों को यह सुविधा दी जाये कि भारतीय या विदेशी जहाज कम्पनियों से माल ढुलवाने का वे स्वयं प्रबन्ध करें, सरकार को मान्य होगा ?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Such a representation has been received from the Indian Salt Manufacturers' Association, Bombay.

(b) Yes.

(c) Primarily, it is for the Association to negotiate collectively with the Indian Coastal Conference for a reduction in the freight rates. Government do not consider it desirable in the interests of the salt trade as well as Indian Shipping to allow the Shippers of Salt to make individual arrangements with foreign or Indian Shipping Companies. This position has been explained to the Association.

Shri Birbal Singh: What will be the amount of loss to the Government by the reduction of transport charges to the level of the world freight rates?

Shri K. C. Reddy: To the level of?

Mr. Speaker: I think, he means what will be the loss by reducing the transport charges?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Railway charges? Sir, salt is being transported by sea because of difficulties of rail transport. The Railways are not in a position to give all the necessary wagons to move all this quantity of salt from Saurashtra to Calcutta.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Is it a fact that the freight charges are affecting our export of salt to foreign countries?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I do not think so, Sir.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, the freight charges in India and the world freight charges?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I have not got the figures here.

IRON AND MANGANESE ORE

*829. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether iron and manganese ore are exported through the Madras Port?

(b) If so, what is the procedure to be followed in exporting them through the Madras Port?

(c) What is the total quantity of these materials in stock in Madras State at present?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exports are licensed freely, provided the stocks are ready at the port for shipment.

(c) Iron and Manganese ores are not mined in the Madras State, as it is today. The following approximate quantities of these ores received from the mines in the Mysore and the Andhra States were awaiting shipment in Madras at the beginning of this month.

Iron ore	—	31,257 tons.
Manganese ore	—	15,998 tons.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that there are no adequate facilities in the Madras port as are available in Calcutta?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid, Sir, I have no information.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that we have got an abundance of this iron ore in our country?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Yes, it is a fact, Sir.

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Dr. Suresh Chandra: To which country the manganese ore and iron are mainly exported?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Notice, Sir.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: Is there any programme to utilise the ore in India rather than depend upon exports alone?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There is a programme not to utilise it but to convert it into ferro-manganese in India.

FILM DIVISION AND DOCUMENTARIES

*830. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state when the Film Division of the Government of India was opened?

(b) Will Government lay on the Table of the House the number of documentaries produced in various languages of our country till now?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Sanction for setting up the Films Division was accorded in January 1948; regular distribution of documentaries and newsreels commenced in June 1949.

(b) A list of films released by the Films Division up to the end of February 1953, indicating, *inter alia*, the languages in which they were produced was laid on the Table of the House in reply to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No. 423 by Shri Badshah Gupta on the 6th March, 1953. A list of films released from 1st March 1953 up to the end of November 1953 is now laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 33.]

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, in the preparation of these documentaries, does the Central Government consult the State Governments?

Dr. Keskar: No, Sir. Most of the State Governments have their own units or they make their own arrangements for producing documentaries.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir how many of these documentaries are being sent abroad?