

fault in securing customs clearance. The order for Land Rovers was therefore cancelled and Jeeps were immediately ordered in substitution. Five of the Jeeps were received in July, 1954 and the remaining 26 in November, 1954. The Land Rovers made available were utilised to the fullest extent. In the absence of the full quota, only five Regional Officers and 19 Field Publicity Officers Publicity Organisers had been appointed as against the then sanctioned strength of six Regional Officers and 32 Field Publicity Officers Publicity Organisers. The field staff so appointed utilised their own efforts and supplemented them with the resources of the State Governments and local organisations for holding film shows, meetings, discussion groups and distribution of literature. In September, 14 more Field Publicity Officers/Publicity Organisers were appointed. During the last 12 months, the field officers have visited as many as 1,211 places where 900 film shows were also given, attended by 17,72,000 people. They have established contacts and by now fully familiarized themselves with the areas under their jurisdiction. They further covered important fairs including the Kumbh Mela where seven Publicity Centres in different sectors were opened and 1,422 film reels were shown in 201 shows, attended by nearly 3 lakhs of people. The implementation of the scheme under this scheme has not therefore been at a standstill.

(c) The amount spent on the salaries and allowances of the staff in question upto 31st October, 1954 is Rs. 1,18,072.

डा० सत्त्वबाबी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि आप ने जो स्टाफ इस स्कीम में लगाया था वह यू० पी० एस० सी० के जरिये भर्ती नहीं किया गया, और बाद में जब कमिशन ने एक सीनियर अफसर को रिजेक्ट कर दिया तो उस को दोबारा रख लिया गया ?

श्री करमरकर : मंत्री इन्फार्मेशन के मुताबिक तो दोबारा नहीं लिया गया। चूंकि हमें जरूरत होती है इस लिये एंड हाक एंप्लॉयमेंट्स कर दते

हैं, लेकिन हर एक आदमी को यू० पी० एस० सी० के सामने तो जाना ही होता है। वह जाते हैं तो कभी कभी उन का रिजेक्शन भी हो जाता है।

TEA

*1138. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated tea crop for the year 1954-55; and

(b) the quantity of medium and high grade tea included in this estimate?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 639 million lbs.

(b) Government have no information.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know the quantity allowed to be exported and the quantity available for internal consumption out of this ?

Shri Karmarkar: The quantity available for internal consumption is a little more than 180 million lbs. Regarding the quantity exported during 1953-54, it was declared at 437,48,942 lbs. In addition to this, a balance of 112.8 million lbs. from 1952-53 export quota was carried forward after 31st March 1953 for utilisation against special licences issued during April-May, 1953.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Is it a fact that the entire high grade tea is offered for export with the result that the internal prices of tea have gone up?

Shri Karmarkar: The type of tea exported or retained for internal consumption has nothing to do with the rise in prices.

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*1145. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 796 on the 16th March, 1953 and state:

(a) whether any further negotiations were held with the appropriate