

(b) if so, how far the scheme has proved fruitful to the best interest of Indian villages; and

(c) the names of the places where the scheme has been given effect to?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). Obviously no one scheme can apply uniformly throughout the country. The State Governments, who are primarily concerned with rural housing, will no doubt take local requirements into consideration in evolving their schemes aimed at remodelling villages. Certain basic designs of model houses have been evolved and the booklet brought out for the Community Project Administration entitled "Rural Housing—A Draft Manual", contains drawings of different layouts, houses and community centres for adoption in the rural areas. We are currently advising the authorities concerned in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, PEPSU and the Punjab on setting up a few model villages in those States.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : गांवों की गरीबी को देखते हुये और केन्द्रीय सरकार ने जो बुकलेट ईशू किया है उसको देखते हुये क्या गवर्नमेंट का यह खयाल है कि गांव के लोग उसके मुताबिक अपने गांवों को रिमाडल कर पायेंगे ? यदि हां, तो सरकार उसके लिये क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : जी हां, खयाल तो है कि गांवों को जरूर रिमाडल कर पायेंगे ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : गांवों की जैसी सैनिटरी हालत है उसको देखते हुये क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकारों को कोई आदेश जारी करेगी या किये गये हैं कि गांवों की सैनिटरी कंडिशनस को किस तरह सुधारा जाये ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : जी हां, प्रान्तीय सरकारें इस विषय में विचार कर रही हैं और सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट को कोई जरूरत महसूस नहीं हुई कि कोई खास हिदायत इस बात के मुताल्लिक जारी करे ।

सात्वा अश्विंत राम : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलायेंगे कि पंजाब और पेप्सू में जो

हाल ही में फलड प्राये थे और उनमें कई घर नाश हो गए थे, क्या उन गांवों में माडल हाउसिस बनाने के लिए गवर्नमेंट ने कोई स्कीम तैयार की है या क्या वह प्रान्तीय सरकारों को माडल हाउसिस बनाने के लिये कुछ रुपया देने का विचार कर रही है ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट ने इस विषय में कोई खास स्कीम तैयार नहीं की है ।

India's Export Trade

***28. Shrimati Maydeo:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1454 on the 5th September, 1955 and state how far the measures taken to stimulate India's export trade have proved successful?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): It is not possible to estimate precisely the effects of the export promotion drive on the export trade. It is nevertheless significant that our total exports during 1954-55 valued at Rs. 577.76 crores were higher than our exports in the previous year by approximately Rs. 55 crores.

Shrimati Maydeo: May I know how many trade delegations were sent out and to what countries and whether they could canvass substantial orders for Indian goods?

Shri Karmarkar: In the recent passed Government had sent out the following trade delegations: one to U.S.S.R. under the leadership of Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai; a second to China and other East Asian Countries headed by Shri Raghuramaiah, Member of Parliament, and a third to West Asian countries headed by Shri M.P. Birla and sponsored by the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Councils. They did not go to canvass orders.

Shrimati Maydeo: May I know whether there is only one Central Export Promotion Council or these Councils are Statewise?

Shri Karmarkar: I thought my hon. friend knew that there have been numerous Export Promotion Councils set up one for each separate principal commodity.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether the export trade of India after the advent of freedom is on the increase or on the decrease.

Shri Karmarkar: Sometimes it is on the increase and sometimes it is on the decrease; but on the whole it is doing well.

Shrimati Maydeo: Referring to the statement already given it appears that nearly nine to ten different measures were taken to promote trade. May I know if any of these measures can be pointed out to have given more satisfactory results as regards promotion of trade?

Shri Karmarkar: I thought my hon. friend appreciated the fact that we are taking simultaneously all possible measures and all these measures are expected to yield results. For instance, take the case of an exhibition. If you participate in an exhibition it catches the appreciation of the people of that country. As I said earlier in my main answer the precise relationship between the extent of increase in our export trade and a particular step cannot be specifically noted down.

Tea Estates

*29. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether some of the tea estates in India are still under the ownership of foreign Nationals?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): Yes, Sir.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether the Government have any idea about the annual income from the tea estates which are under the ownership of foreign nationals?

Shri Karmarkar: I have not got the break-up of the incomes but so far as the incorporated companies are concerned I understand that their paid-up capital in 1954 was Rs. 34,80,00,000 and something.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know the acreage of the tea estates?

Shri Karmarkar: In these 128 units which I was referring to the registered area of crop is 4,56,732 acres and the number of estates is 428.

पंक्षित सी० एन० मालवीय : पिछले दो सालों में क्या कोई विदेशी टी एस्टेट्स (चाय बागान) हिन्दुस्तानियों के हाथ में ट्रांसफर (हस्तान्तरित) हुई है, अगर हुई है तो कितनी ?

श्री करमरकर : समझ में नहीं आया कि माननीय सदस्य ने क्या कहा है ?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether there has been a transfer of foreign interests into Indian hands?

Shri Karmarkar: I should think so, in some cases, but I cannot vouch for it unless I ask for notice.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know what is the average rate of dividend on these foreign concerns for the last three years?

Shri Karmarkar: I think there is sufficient reference material in the library; in any case, I am not prepared for an answer to that question.

Export Promotion Council for Tobacco

*31. **Shri Amjad Ali :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Export Promotion Council for Tobacco; and

(b) if so, how the personnel is proposed to be selected?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Council will consist of 20 members to be chosen by Government to represent all concerned interests.

Shri Amjad Ali : In view of answer "Yes" to part (a) of the question may I know whether the acreage under tobacco cultivation in India has increased?

Shri Karmarkar : I have no information on the increase of acreage.

Shri Raghavaiah : May I know whether the Council consists of persons drawn from the States where tobacco is grown in plenty?

Shri Karmarkar : Yes; that is the idea.

Shri Raghavaiah : May I know whether in view of the fact that the Government has given a positive answer to this question, they will take a majority of members from Andhra where this commodity is grown in plenty, nearly 90 per cent. of the total production?

Shri Karmarkar : The positive answer was because that was the positive idea with regard to the setting up of the Council. But, so far as the representation is concerned we give proper attention to all relevant factors including the area where the crop is grown.