

CANALS IN ORISSA

*2208. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation was carried out by Government for re-modelling the existing canals in the Kendrapara Sub-division (Orissa) and digging of new canals suitably to the Hirakud Dam Project; and

(b) if so, what is the result?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The Kendrapara Canal system forms part of the scheme for irrigation in the Mahanadi Delta area, investigations on which have been completed. The report relating to the scheme is under the consideration of the Government of India in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Shri Sanganna: May I know when the final decision will be arrived at?

Shri Hathi: That will take some time. It is being examined by the C.W.P.C.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the Government of Orissa will be consulted before the Government of India arrives at a decision in the matter?

Shri Hathi: They have already been consulted.

PUBLICITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

*2210. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in publicity in the Middle East Countries during 1953-54;

(b) what special arrangements are made for publicity in Mecca during the Haj; and

(c) whether goodwill missions visited the Middle East Countries in the past?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Rs. 9,49,800. (Approximate).

(b) The Indian Consulate General at Jedda deals with such publicity under the guidance of the Indian Ambassador at Cairo. During the Haj season, an officer from the Indian Embassy is placed on special duty and visits Jedda, Mecca and Medina.

2. Special pamphlets in Arabic containing articles on various aspects of life in India, are distributed during the pilgrimage season at Jedda, Mecca and Medina. In 1953 5,000 copies of a pamphlet in Urdu "Tuffot-ul-Hajj" were distributed among Haj pilgrims through

(i) Port Haj Committee. Bombay and

(ii) Consulate General, Jedda.

Sometimes important Arabic newspapers in Cairo and Baghdad bring out special Haj Numbers or Supplements on India which are also distributed in Haj area.

(c) yes

श्री इब्राहीम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कितन कितन जरूरियों से और किस तरीके से वहाँ पर प्रोपेगेंडा किया जाता है ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I have already covered it in my answer:

श्री इब्राहीम : क्या हज के मौके पर वहाँ कोई मेडीकल एड वगैरह भेजी जाती है ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Yes. Our Consulate-General arranges for medical aid to our pilgrims there.

श्री इब्राहीम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वहाँ पर जो पाकिस्तान का गलत प्रोपेगेंडा होता है उसको दफा करने का कोई ब्याल किया जाता है ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We do not speak about other countries; we speak

about ourselves. We speak objectively the truth about this country.

डा० सुरेश चन्द्र : क्या यह वाक्या है कि मिडिल ईस्ट में जो प्रोपेगेंडा हो रहा है वह नाकाफी है, और जो गुडविल मिशन वहाँ पर भेजा गया था उसके क्या नतीजा हुए हैं ?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: It is a question of opinion.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the nature of the publicity made in the Middle East and whether the effect created by it is quite satisfactory to Government?

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question.

TRADE WITH SOUTH KOREA

*2211. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has established trade relationship with South Korea; and

(b) what is the total value of trade with that country in 1953-54?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) There is no question of establishing any trade relationship as such with South Korea because trade has always flowed between India and the Korean peninsula. But for the ban on trade with South and South West Africa, India's foreign trade is carried out on multilateral and non-discriminatory lines.

(b) The total value of trade with South Korea during 1953-54 (April to February) was about Rs. 57 lakhs, mainly coal.

Shri Wodeyar: May I know the conditions on which this settlement has been reached?

Shri Karmarkar: There is an agreement between South Korea and us.

EXPORTS TO TIBET

*2212. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports to Tibet in 1953-54 were in excess of that in 1952-53; and

(b) whether any special steps are under consideration for increasing the exports to that country?

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

(b) No special measures are contemplated, but it is hoped that the agreement between the Governments of India and China signed on 29th April, will further facilitate trade.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether it is a fact that some Indian traders were harassed in Tibet last year, and consequently, the Indian exports to Tibet were affected?

Shri Karmarkar: Regarding exports, from 20 tons per day the figure rose up to 30 tons per day.

Regarding the alleged harassment of our traders, I should like to have notice.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether there is any proposal under contemplation by the Government for removal of transport difficulties to Tibet?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information on the subject, but recently we have entered into an agreement with China, as hon. Members are aware, and I think that agreement will do away with many of our difficulties.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि तिब्बत में भारत से कौन कौन सा सामान निर्यात होता है ?

Shri Karmarkar: Cotton yarn, cotton piece-goods, dyes, iron, tea and tea-pots etc.

Shri Kelappan: May I know the value of the total exports during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54?