

our estimated demand. Therefore, we have licensed almost one lakh tons extra over the Second Five Year Plan target.

Shri Vajpayee: Is it not a fact that in spite of the increase in price of newsprint, the Nepa Mills are running at a heavy loss?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir. I am glad to inform the House that in 1958-59 we expect to make some profit after meeting some of the depreciation and writing off of a part of the old losses.

Shri Rajeshwar Patel: The hon. Minister just now stated that there is very little room for misuse and black-marketing. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to a photostat facsimile of a letter that was written by one of the Directors of a big Newspaper in Madras to his Assistant Manager which shows what gross misuse is being made of the newsprint quota:

"We will have to deliver the balance of five tons of overissues to Mr. K. A. Raja and nine tons of overissues to M/s Jothee Waste Paper Company . . . Besides delivering the five tons . . ."

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is delivering a speech.

Shri Rajeshwar Patel: No, Sir, there are instances in this letter which clearly show.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member can only put a question.

Shri Rajeshwar Patel: Yes. The hon. Minister just now stated that there is no room for misuse or black-marketing. Here is positive evidence.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may transmit it to the hon. Minister.

Shri Rajeshwar Patel: I am prepared to place it on the Table of the House.

Mr. Speaker: I am not prepared to allow that; the Table is very narrow.

The hon. Member may as well put a question as to whether certain things have come to his notice

Shri Rajeshwar Patel: Has it been brought to the notice of the hon. Minister . . .

Mr. Speaker: That he has read already.

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I have already mentioned there was some slight variation in the hon. Member's repetition. First I was supposed to have said there was very little scope and then there was no scope. I never said so. I said the scope is less than what is was before.

Mr. Speaker: All that the hon. Member wants is to bring certain instances to his notice so that he may take certain steps.

Shri Manubhai Shah: That was what I answered: in spite of increase in production, the demand is going up. There is, of course, some truth in what the hon. Member suggests.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know how the new price of Nepa Newsprint compares with the price of imported newsprint?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It varies. At one stage it was Rs. 100 less than the imported price; but there are fluctuations in the international price and at present it is about Rs. 80 or so more.

All India Middle Class Family Budget

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*2310. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ignace Beck:
 Shri S. C. Godsora:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made up-to-date in regard to field work in connection with the All India Middle Class Family Budget Survey; and

(b) when the survey is likely to be concluded?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Out of the 26,820 families proposed to be surveyed for the family budget enquiry among the middle classes and another 8,940 for the study of their level of living, about 19,250 families have been surveyed for the family budget and about 8,300 families for their level of living upto the middle of April, 1959.

(b) the field work in connection with the survey is likely to be completed by August, 1959.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether the data that have been collected so far have been given to the Indian Statistical Institute, or all the data would be given after the completion of the entire survey?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There is a Technical Advisory Committee which reviews the progress of the work; there is also a Co-ordinating Committee which deals with it.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Central Statistical Organisation is in over-all charge of this; the Central Statistical Organisation is intimately connected with the Institute.

Shri Yadav: May I know how families are termed as "middle class" families?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That I do not know, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know the exact definition of it.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this survey has been conducted only in big towns, or it is being carried out in small towns and elsewhere also.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I take it wherever the middle class live.

Shri C. D. Pande: What is the range of income that determines the middle class? Is this classification based on the way of thinking and living or merely income?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know, Sir; I cannot straightway say, but industrial workers are not included; presumably the peasants are not included. So, by a process of exclusion you arrive at the middle class.

Shri K. N. Pandey: May I know whether in making this type of survey, the size of the family has also been kept in view?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The information is being collected on the following aspects of family living:

Schedule A:

- (a) family membership, earning strength and activity status;
- (b) family income and other receipts;
- (c) family expenditure and consumption; investment and savings;
- (d) births and deaths in the family;

Schedule B:

Sickness, educational standards, service conditions of employees, trade union participation, social security, employment and unemployment, utilisation of leisure, housing conditions, indebtedness, savings, assets and luxury goods, family habits, condition and relationship.

Shri K. N. Pandey: I wanted to know about the size of the family.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: "Family membership" means size.

Indo-Pakistan Agreement on Movable Property

*2312. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 828 on the 3rd December 1958, and state the further progress made, if any, in the implementation of the Indo-Pakistan Agreement on Movable Property?