

stopped. That is why I was interested to know the quantity which was being imported by Burma.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has not got separate figures for prawns, etc.

Shri Warrior: How much stock is lying idle at Cochin and how much is expected to be exported to Burma? How much does Burma expect to import from here?

Shri Satish Chandra: 5,000 bags were lying at Cochin port when this dispute arose. 4,000 bags have already been cleared and 1,000 bags are in the process of being exported now to Burma.

Shri Punnoose: May I know whether the Government have made any effort to find fresh, new markets for these commodities anywhere else and with what result?

Shri Satish Chandra: Dried prawns are exported mostly to Burma and Ceylon, and frozen and chilled prawns go to the United States and Sweden. The exporters themselves are being organised into a registered association for the promotion of exports. Government will extend to them as much help as possible.

Nuclear Tests in the Sahara

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- Shri Narasimhan:
Shri Sadhan Gupta:
Shri Warrior:
*15. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Kediyan:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation was made by India to France on the nuclear tests planned by France in the Sahara;

(b) whether any other country in the African continent protested or asked India's support in such protest; and

(c) if so, the attitude of the Government of India to such a request?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). The question and the draft answer have become out-of-date because of subsequent developments. A resolution sponsored, among others by India has just been passed by the General Assembly requesting the French Government not to proceed with the tests.

Shri Narasimhan: What are the prospects of the proposed tests being abandoned?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Well, that is anyone's estimate. We hope they will be abandoned.

Shri Warrior: A report has appeared in the press that the French Government is again trying to have their tests in Africa. What more steps can we take in that matter?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We have no further steps in view at the present moment. I do not think it will be necessary.

Shrimati Kama Chakravarty: May I know, in this resolution, when it was adopted in the General Assembly, what were the nations of Asia and Africa who opposed it? Was it completely unanimous from the point of view of the Afro-Asian nations?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): The resolution was fully supported by the Asia-African countries. There was another resolution, milder in character, which was defeated.

Broadcasting Station at Darbhanga

*16. Shri Anirudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have forwarded a memorandum

to the Centre for opening a broadcasting station at Darbhanga;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposal; and

(c) if so, the decision thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Darbhanga receives good reception throughout the year from the 20 KW MW transmitter at Patna and the local talent find an adequate outlet through the Station at Patna. Moreover there is no scope for additional stations in the plan at present. It has not been, therefore, possible to consider the proposal favourably.

श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय को इस बात का ज्ञान है कि वहाँ के सार्वजनिक जीवन में मिथिला की संस्कृति और भाषा का एक खास स्थान है और इसका केन्द्र दरभंगा है ? यदि हाँ तो इन बातों को मद्देनजर रखते हुए क्या स्वतः ही भारत सरकार बहाराखियो स्टेशन खोलने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रही है ?

श्री अरुणा और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० कोसकर) : मिथिला का वहाँ की और भारत की संस्कृति में क्या स्थान है इसका सरकार को काफी ज्ञान है और उस संस्कृति के लिए जो कुछ हम कर सकते हैं प्रयत्न करेंगे। फिलहाल पटना के स्टेशन से मिथिला के सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों के लिये जो कुछ हो सकता है वह किया जाएगा। नया स्टेशन खोलने के बारे में जो कठिनाइयाँ हैं, वहाँ बता दी गई हैं और फिलहाल कोई नया स्टेशन खोलना कठिन है। लेकिन मैं माननीय सदस्य का इस तरह ध्यान दिखाना चाहता हूँ कि कार्यक्रम बढ़ाने के लिए नया स्टेशन खोलने की जरूरत नहीं है। जो पुराना स्टेशन है वहाँ से कि सारे मिथिला के लोग कार्यक्रम सुन सकते हैं वहाँ से भी सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम बढ़ाने का संभव है और बढ़ाये जायेंगे।

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श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या पटना रेडियो स्टेशन से मैथिली भाषा में भी कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाते हैं ?

डा० कोसकर : मैथिली में सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रसारित होते हैं।

श्री बीनारायण दास : जबकि तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में नए ब्राडकास्टिंग स्टेशन खोलने के सम्बन्ध में विचार किया जा रहा है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस पर भी विचार किया जा रहा है ?

डा० कोसकर : अगर इसके लिए सपया मिल सकेगा तो इस सम्बन्ध में विचार करेंगे।

श्री कमलनयन बजाज : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि नए स्टेशन खोलते समय किन किन चीजों पर खास तौर से विचार किया जाता है, कौन-कौन सी चीजें ध्यान में रखी जाती हैं ?

डा० कोसकर : इसका जवाब देने में काफी समय लगेगा। लेकिन मैं इतना माननीय सदस्य को कह सकता हूँ कि फिलहाल कोई नया स्टेशन खोलने की योजना नहीं है।

Wage Board for Sugar Industry

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*17. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1026 on the 1st September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the remaining 33 sugar factories have since implemented the recommendations of the Wage Board for the award of interim relief to workers in Sugar Industry; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken by Government for effective implementation of the same?