

**Mr. Speaker:** He has stated it already in answer to part (c) of the main question

He wants to know if prices have been brought down so as to make them competitive

**Shri Kanungo:** Well, prices are competitive, otherwise there will not be greater purchase in the meantime

### Surplus Labour

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\*246. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri Chuni Lal:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan regarding the utilisation of surplus labour,

(b) if so, the nature of the plan, and

(c) how is that plan being implemented?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) Yes

(b) The plan is to report the particulars of surplus workers to State Co-ordinating Units and to a Central Office specially set up to locate vacancies and arrange for the deployment of workers

(c) Selection Teams of the appointing authorities visit the Project Sites, interview the workers and select the suitable ones

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the Government have assessed the quantum of surplus labour that exists in the country? In what way is the machinery recently set up to utilise the surplus labour different from the machinery which already existed?

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** It is fluctuating. Sir Surplus labour come out when the projects are completed. I cannot give any exact figure, but till now

there has been about 47,000 or so of surplus labour and we have provided jobs for 18,000. We hope that as soon as the projects are completed and people are surplus, this machinery will try to provide jobs for them

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Is there any proposal to change the outlook of the persons who possess this surplus labour rather than go on providing and creating more jobs which generally does not change the outlook?

**The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda):** There is no question of outlook here. We have a project. The construction period lasts two years, four years, whatever it might be. At the end of this process of construction these people have to go somewhere else. We anticipate these surpluses and try to provide for the surplus workers in different places because we have a machinery in the various States to assess the future requirements of new projects and also the manner in which the number will decline in the existing projects, and we try to match these requirements

**Shri Palaniyandy:** Most of the employment exchanges are having only unskilled workers in their lists. Is Government taking any speedy action to have more training centres?

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** It is not a fact. Employment exchanges have also skilled workers on their lists, and they try to get jobs for them

**Shri Braj Raj Singh:** May I know if it is a fact that skilled and unskilled labour both to the tune of one crore is surplus?

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Yes. Both skilled and unskilled labour are surplus

**Shri Braj Raj Singh:** To the tune of one crore?

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** It is not a fact. Only 47,000 people are surplus as a result of completion of about six or seven projects, and we have tried to provide for about 18,000

**Shri Anthony Pillai:** These schemes will take care only of surplus labour in the projects. What about surplus labour in industries where there is redundancy?

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** This relates not only to the public sector projects but also to TISCO and IISCO and these figures cover those industries also.

**Shri Nagi Reddy:** May I know whether it is a fact that quite a number of engineers have become surplus labour, and if so, whether Government are taking any steps to see that these skilled personnel are put to proper use?

**Shri Nanda:** The arrangements apply to all types of personnel. So far as the engineers are concerned, they are in very great demand. There may be some frictional unemployment for some of them.

#### Export of Tea

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{ **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:**  
**Shri Nagi Reddy:**  
**Shri Warrior:**  
 \*247. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Bishwanath Roy:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of tea has shown a downward trend during the year 1959 as compared to 1958;

(b) if so, what is the total fall in earning and quantity during the months January to September, 1959 as compared to 1958; and

(c) the reasons for the short fall?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). The total fall in earnings and quantity of tea during the period January to August 1959 as compared with the corresponding period of 1958 were 13.41 crores and 47.3 million lbs respectively. Figures for the month of September, 1959 are not yet available.

(c) The shortfall occurred mainly during the earlier months of 1959 upto May and was largely due to the high stocks in U.K. at the beginning of the year, the increasing internal demand for teas, and consequently the non-availability of sufficient stocks of the teas commonly in demand in the export markets.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** The Calcutta figures show that there has been an increase in export, to the tune of 38 million lbs of tea. So, I would like to know where exactly this shortfall has occurred.

**Shri Kanungo:** There has been a 'look-up' in the exports after July. I believe when the season progresses and the new flushes come in, then the exports might look up. The reason for the shortfall in the earlier months was, as I have said, that there was a large carry-over stock in London, and there was no inclination for buying off-season pluckings.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Apart from the exports to UK, may I know whether there has been increase in the exports to other countries, and if so, by how much?

**Shri Kanungo:** Yes. I have not got the figures, but I believe that somewhere after July, the figures of the exports to all other countries, including UK, are showing up.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** May I know whether Government are undertaking any investigation to explore other markets than UK for the export of tea, and if so, what steps have been taken?

**Shri Kanungo:** Yes, constant effort is made to open up other markets.

**Shri Nagi Reddy:** What steps?

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** I wanted to know what steps were being taken. The hon Minister merely says that constant effort is made.

**Shri Kanungo:** I mean efforts in the sense that delegations go out, trade agreements are entered into and so