

**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

ca. For example, recently, we have had an agreement with Iran for intake of tea, and with Iraq also for intake of tea. These are the efforts.

**Shri Fanigrahi:** How many delegations have gone?

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether in spite of the very heavy and costly propaganda being carried on in USA, no improvement has been shown in the export of tea to that country?

**Shri Kanungo:** Judging from the standards of publicity in USA, our expenditure is not liberal. In any case, our exports to USA have not looked up or shown up much. As a matter of fact, the demand for tea in USA is not much more than that for coffee.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether because of the gradual popularity of 'Instant Tea', which contains a large percentage of Ceylon tea, there has been an adverse effect on our export of tea to that country?

**Shri Kanungo:** I do not think so. There, opinions have been expressed that 'Instant Tea' is having better response.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** May I know whether the money that the Tea Board has for publicity has been utilised, and if so, how much, in countries other than UK and USA for promoting the export of tea to those countries?

**Shri Kanungo:** I have not got the figures. They are in the annual report of the Tea Board, which has been placed on the Table of the House.

**Shrimati Masda Ahmed:** May I know whether Government will consider setting up a National Tea-Marketing Corporation to produce, blend and pack tea, just as Ceylon has set up recently?

**Shri Kanungo:** I am not sure about the Ceylon organisation, but we have

no such intention, because the normal channels are proving adequate.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether due to the high cost of production of India tea and that due to the high rates of fiscal duty, our teas are generally being priced out gradually from the export markets?

**Shri Kanungo:** That is a matter of opinion.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether Government are thinking of subsidising or assisting those tea gardens which want to modernise their machinery and improve the quality of their production?

**Shri Kanungo:** No, there is no idea of subsidising. But efforts are being made to provide credit for improving plantations.

**International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia**

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\*248. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
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Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the dissolution or of adjourning the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia has been considered or is being considered,

(b) if so, whether the opinion of the Government as a Chairman of the said Commission has been asked for or taken; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to such a proposal?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) There is at present no proposal to dissolve or adjourn the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia. The UK Government have made certain proposals to effect greater economy, to the Government of the USSR. These are under discussion between the two Co-Chairmen Governments.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.