

it has been felt in many quarters that when teachers contest these posts, there is too much of politics introduced into the life of teachers. That is one of the views. All the views will have to be considered.

श्री शिव नारायण : अमलगामेशन करने के बाद टीचर किसी प्रेजुएट्स कास्टी-ट्यूएन्सी से खड़ा हो सकता है या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जब कानून आयेगा तब उस में यह देखा जा सकता है ।

Shri D. N. Tiwary: Is the Minister aware that for teachers' constituencies, not only graduates but matriculates and others also contest? May I know whether they would consider this aspect?

Mr. Speaker: He says there is overlapping.

श्री रामसेवक यादव: चुनाव आयोग ने टीचरों के निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों को हटाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या अध्यापकों की भी राय मांगी है, यदि हाँ तो अध्यापकों ने उस पर क्या राय दी है ?

श्री अ० कु० सेन: स्टेट्स जब अपनी राय भजेगी तब हम बात को भी सोचेंगी कि अध्यापकों की क्या राय है तथा दूसरों की क्या राय है ।

Shri Buta Singh: May I know whether a retired professor will be con- Starred Question No. 72 on the 16th teachers' constituency?

Mr. Speaker: That is a question that can be discussed privately.

Kandla Free Trade Zone

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*555. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Trade Will the Minister of International be pleased to refer to the reply

given to Starred Question No. 72 on the 16th August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have worked out the details of setting up a Free Trade Zone at Kandla;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the possible advantages and disadvantages of setting up a Free Trade Zone at Kandla?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). An area of 320 acres—half a square mile—has been acquired at Kandla. A plan has been prepared by the Development Commissioner, Kandla Port in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, CPWD, Kandla. The plan provides for industrial sheds, marshalling yards, park avenue and road area. Plots have been divided into 2000 sq. yds., 3000 sq. yds. and 1 acre. A copy of the plan has been already provided and is under scrutiny in the inter-ministerial committee meeting to see that all the necessary security measures and measures to promote orderly growth of industries and commercial enterprises within the zone are looked into in a close manner. A copy of the plan also has been provided to the Railway Board to make the necessary arrangements for the transport of goods from the port to the zone area. An officer on special duty of the rank of Joint Secretary is being appointed very soon with the approval of the Cabinet Committee on appointments. A high level committee of officials of the State Governments and Central Ministries has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of International Trade. This committee has been meeting continuously to look into the progress of this project. The Kandla Port Authorities have also acquired various other ancillary services for making the zone work very soon.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : सरकार को इससे क्या लाभ होगा ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : सरकार को वही लाभ होगा जो लाभ देश को होगा ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : कोचीन और गोआ में भी इस तरह के जॉज कायम करने का सरकार का विचार है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यह पहला तजुर्बा है जो हम करने जा रहे हैं । चूंकि इसमें बहुत सी त्रुटियां भी हैं, अच्छाइयां भी हैं, इस वास्ते इन सब को जब हम एक बार काम शुरू करेंगे देखेंगे और हमको जो तजुर्बा हासिल होगा वह हाउस के सामने आएगा । उसके बाद दूसरी पोर्ट्स का भी सोचा जाएगा ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: There are all kinds of ports in my country, major ports, intermediate ports, minor ports, etc. May I know why Kandla in Gujarat has been selected for this treatment and whether Government will also consider the possibilities of other ports being considered for free trade zones and appoint a committee to consider other ports also?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have already answered that question.

श्री बड़े : कुछ माल बाहर के देशों से यहां आता है और फिर वापिस जाता है । उस पर कस्टमज टैक्स नहीं लिया जा सकता है, इसलिये कि वह माल वापिस जाना होता है । कस्टमज आफिसर्स का काम कम करने के लिए जैसे दूसरे देशों में फ्री जोन हैं, वैसे ही इस देश में भी प्रत्येक पोर्ट पर फ्री जोन कायम करने का शासन का विचार है क्या ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : इसको भी बाद में देखेंगे । दुनिया में इस वक्त कोई ७४ फ्री ट्रेड जोन हैं और तीन चार बड़े बड़े एरियाज भी हैं । हमने कभी तजुर्बा नहीं किया है । यह इस किस्म का पोर्ट है कि इसमें तजुर्बा आसानी से हो सकता है । इसका डिवेलोपमेंट सात आठ साल पहले सोचा गया था कि किया जाए । एक बार तजुर्बा जब हो जाएगा तो और जगह भी सोचा जाएगा ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या यह सच है कि कांडला का पोर्ट काश्मीर, पंजाब, राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश आदि प्रान्तों के समीप है, इसलिए इस स्थान का चुनाव हुआ है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यह भी एक कारण है । दरअसल हाउस को पता है कि सिन्धी दोस्त हमारे जो अलग हो कर कराची से आए थे, उनको रिहैबिलिटेड करने के लिए १९५२ में गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया ने पोर्ट को कायम किया और तब से यह बातचीत चल रही है ।

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know how far the port operations have progressed, apart from the other matters which the Minister has explained just now?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The port development is already known to the House. Under the Transport Ministry, it has become one of the biggest major ports, in view of the loss sustained by Karachi.

Shri Heda: May I know what will be the land border of the free trade zone area and how many spots will be there for entry and exit?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The area is the smallest possible—half a square mile. That is the land area. Entry and exit will depend upon the actual working. At present, we are providing only for one exit and one entry. In due course, it may be enlarged.

Shri David Munzani: What is the cost involved in this project?

Shri Manubhai Shah: For the present, we estimate that it will be about Rs. 2½ crores to 3 crores in terms of rupees and about Rs. 50 lakhs in terms of foreign exchange in the beginning.

Shri Warior: What are the distinct advantages of Kandla as opposed to other ports for selection as a free port?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The distinct advantage is that, geographically

speaking, it is cut off from the hinterland of industrial complexes. Therefore, the chances of smuggling are much less. It is very much removed from all industrial areas. Secondly, the zone that we have selected is all very comprehensive. Further, there is no congestion in Kandla which we find in the existing ports. So, it has been selected for this purpose.

श्री अचल सिंह : क्या जो माल इस पोर्ट से जाएगा या जो माल अन्दर आयेगा वह एक्साइज ड्यूटी और कस्टम्स ड्यूटी से फ्री होगा ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : वह सब लगेगा । जो माल सीधा बाहर से आकर बाहर चला जाएगा उस पर कस्टम्स ड्यूटी और एक्साइज ड्यूटी नहीं लगेगी, लेकिन जो माल अन्दर बिकने के लिए आयेगा उस पर लगेगी । लेकिन ज्यादातर माल एक्सपोर्ट होगा ।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether Government has considered the representation received from the West Bengal Government regarding the establishment of a free port in Haldia?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We have received 11 proposals from various State Governments. They will all be looked into after we have gained sufficient experience in Kandla.

Salt Industry

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*557. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
Shri D. J. Naik:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of co-operative sectors has been unsatisfactory in the Salt Industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. On the other hand, the progress in this field has been satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो प्रोप्रेस हुई है इससे किस मात्रा में फायदा हुआ है ?

श्री कानूनगो : प्रोडक्शन बढ़ता चल रहा है और तीन सालों में डबल हो गया है, और जो बढ़ा है उसमें करीब १० फी सदी कोआपरेटिव फॅक्टरीज से निकला है ।

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो कोआपरेटिव से फायदे हो रहे हैं, क्या इससे और सदस्यों को भी उसमें जाने का लालच हो रहा है ?

श्री कानूनगो : पूरी इजाजत है । बहुत काफी इन्वेस्टिव हैं ।

Shri Balakrishnan: May I know in which other industries the co-operative sector has been applied and whether the co-operatives have been working successfully?

Shri Kanungo: This question deals only with the salt industry and co-operatives have been very successful there. Co-operatives in the industrial sector is a general question.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the salt industrialists are objecting to the facilities that have been provided to the co-operative sector in the salt industry?

Shri Kanungo: No, there has been no such representation.

Coal Washery in Bihar

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*558. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kathara in Bihar has been selected for setting up a coal washery with Russian credit;