

Shri A. M. Thomas: From that base, we have proceeded much further, because the excise duty has been doubled in certain cases and the cane cess also has increased.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर हिन्दी में दिया जाए ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह इसका तरजुमा नहीं कर सकते । उन्होंने कहा है कि एक्साइज ड्यूटी बढ़ गई है ।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Keeping in view the scarcity, the blackmarketing and maldistribution of sugar which is prevailing in all the markets, may I know if the Government is thinking of channelising the distribution through voluntary agencies as had been done in the past?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Wherever co-operatives have come into existence, that machinery is being used by the State Governments for distributing. We have also advised the State Governments that in case the co-operatives come in, they should be utilised in the matter of distribution.

Several Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: It is for the hon. Members to decide if they want to stick on to this question and I should continue. We are going to have a statement on this matter and probably a discussion over it. (*Interruptions*).

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : इस प्रश्न पर विशेष रूप से विचार होना चाहिए ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं भी यही कह रहा था । लेकिन वह तो इसके बाद ही होगा । मैं यह कह रहा था कि सबालों में तो मतलब पूरा होगा नहीं और न सारे मेम्बर साहिबानों, जो कि सबाल पूछना चाहते हैं, मैं बुला । इसलिये अभी जो एक बयान स पर हम डिस्कशन रखेंगे और उसके लिये हाउस वक्त मुकर्रर करेगा । उस वक्त इसका फैसला हो सकता है ।

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : कांग्रेस के जयपुर अधिवेशन के लिये दो लाख मन चीनी भेजी गई थी । क्या दूसरी संस्थाओं को भी इस प्रकार की मुविधा दी जाएगी ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उस वक्त मैं आपको यह सवाल करने की भी इजाजत दे दूंगा ।

Shri Bade: Question No. 53 about the escape of Mr. Walcott may be taken up just now, because there will be some elucidation and it will throw more light for the discussion at 2:30 P.M.

Mr. Speaker: Unless the House agrees, I cannot take it up.

Shri Bade: The House will agree, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Unless all the hon. Members who are in between agree, I cannot take it up.

Agriculture in Asia and Far East

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Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Chattar Singh:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experts connected with framing agricultural projects in Asia and the Far East held a meeting in New Delhi on 30th September, 1963;

(b) if so, the number of countries participated in the meeting;

(c) the subjects discussed; and

(d) whether any proposal was put forward by the Indian delegation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Under the aegis of FAO., a Meeting of Experts on Agricultural Projections, i.e. forecast of requirements and production of agricultural commodities, and not of experts connected with farming agri-

cultural projects, was held from September 30 to October 11, 1963.

(b) Experts from six countries participated in the meeting.

(c) The Agenda of the Meeting was as under:

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

2. Adoption of the Agenda.

3. Brief Statements by the participants on their work.

4. Framework of economic growth.

5. Demand projections.

6. Production projections.

7. Trade projections.

8. Overall consistency of the projections and their policy implications.

9. Recommendations for future work.

10. Adoption of the report.

(d) No proposal was expected to be put forward and none was made. The discussion was technical and related to possible improvements in the techniques of framing projections, on which various views were expressed.

श्री भी० प्र० यादव : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो विदेशों से विशेषज्ञ आये थे वे किन देशों से आये थे, उन्होंने किन किन क्षेत्रों का सर्वेक्षण किया और क्या सर्वेक्षण के बाद उन्होंने कोई प्रस्ताव भी रखा जो कृषि सुधार के लिए लाभदायक सिद्ध हो सकता हो ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : ये विशेषज्ञ आये थे सं लोन से, जापान से, मलयेशिया से, पाकिस्तान से और यूनाइटेड स्टेट्स आफ अमेरिका से। और अपने देश के भी विशेषज्ञ थे। ये केवल २२ आदमी थे जिन्होंने इस सम्मेलन में भाग लिया। और जैसा कि मैंने मूल प्रश्न के जवाब में कहा, उस सम्मेलन ने कोई प्रस्ताव पास नहीं किया।

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Item No. 6 of the agenda says "Production projections." May I know whether in this conference under this item or any other item, any discussion was held and any improvement suggested for to allow a production as 2.15 per cent in our country?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As I said, it might have been discussed, but no resolution was adopted because it was their internal meeting for exchange of opinion between experts. Unless and until we get any report or any resolution from them.....

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Does he mean to say Government have no information?

Mr. Speaker: That is what he says.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: That is exactly the reply.

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : मिले, खाए और बिबर गए ।

Shri Vishram Prasad: In the agenda it is said, "Opening of the meeting and selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Adoption of the Agenda, Brief Statements by the participants on their work, Framework of economic growth" etc. But nothing is said about what work was done and what points were discussed. May I know how much money was spent for this discussion which lasted for 11 days?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As I said in the beginning, this was a meeting held under the aegis of FAO.

Mr. Speaker: Was any expenditure incurred?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The Government of India was the host for that conference and it is a fact that money was spent.

Shri Vishram Prasad: How much money was spent?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I would require notice.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या इस बैठक में इस चीज पर गौर किया गया था कि भारत में किसान की मर्जी के खिलाफ कंसालिडेशन करने से ३५ फी मदी तक प्रोडक्शन कम हो गया है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : इन सारी चीजों को हम लोग अलग से विचार कर सकते हैं । उस सम्मेलन के मुंह से न उन सारी चीजों को हम कहलाना चाहते हैं और न उस सम्मेलन ने उन पर विचार किया है । वह सम्मेलन अलग से अपनी रिपोर्ट बाद में लिखेगा ।

Shri Ranga: Are we to understand that the Government knew that there was no agenda, there were no problems to be discussed or resolutions to be passed and yet they sent their officers there to this "joy conference" or whatever it is, or another South-East-Asian Diwali Conference or something like that?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. No inferences are to be made.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I wonder, Sir, because Dr. Deshmukh and Prof. Ranga, both of them, are in the habit of passing insinuations and they see the entire universe with their own jaundiced eye.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order...

Shri Ranga: May I make this protest, Sir, that he is not entitled to make this remarks in regard to me.

Mr. Speaker: That is exactly what I am telling him. I have already taken notice, of it, but I had also taken notice of the inference and innuendo that the hon. Member also made. (Interruption). In questions these things are not be brought into; only the facts are to be asked and the answers given. When hon. Members go astray and tread into paths that are forbidden certainly difficulties arise for themselves also, but more for me.

Shri Ranga: You would see, Sir I gave them an alternative. It would have been open to them to say that it was not so.

Mr. Speaker: What about the "Diwali festival" and all those things? (Interruption).

Shri Ranga: What conference was it then? Did they know anything?

Shri P. R. Patel: I want to know who took part in the meeting and in that respect I would like further to know whether the representatives of the farmers' organisations in the country were included in this delegation; if not, may I know whether the Government is of the view that these farmers' organisations are not necessary for the improvement of agriculture in the country?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As I said, this was a conference of experts and some of our experts participated in this conference. Along with the experts the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture was elected Chairman and he presided over it. So the question of giving representation to any voluntary organisation or farmers' organisation does not arise.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: The statement laid on the table refers to recommendations for future work and adoption of the report—9 and 10—but the Minister said earlier that there were no proceedings, no reports or anything of that sort. Here, Sir, what does it stand for? What does it mean? What recommendations were made then? What report was adopted?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The meeting was held from 30th September to 11th October. That was their internal meeting and they exchanged opinions regarding all this agenda. But they did not adopt any resolution, and as they did not adopt any resolution we have not yet received any report of the nature of decisions of the conference asking us to implement them in

India as recommended by that conference.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Sir, we want a ruling from you. The meeting lasted for 12 days and so much amount was spent on it. Still the Government, after two months, have not got any report. What is this (*Interruption*).

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: A mountain in labour did not bring forth even a mouse.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Hon. Members put the whole burden on me.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: You are the final authority.

Mr. Speaker: No.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: How can the Government . . .

Mr. Speaker: In a democracy it is the House that has to take action, if the Government fails to discharge its duties.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Here it is a dispute between the Minister and the Members.

Mr. Speaker: I am only a referee between the two parties playing the game, only watching and ensuring that the game is played according to the rules of the game.

Shri Tyagi: You have to whistle when there is foul play.

Shri Hem Barua: You are the custodian of our rights.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Shri Chaturvedi.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know what benefits Government derived, or expected to derive, by playing host to these eminent experts on agriculture who have made no recommendation?

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Shri Tyagi: Publicity.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: When such a conference meets, it proves to be of immense value to the Government inasmuch as it contributes towards formulating certain programmes:

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: But no real work was done here.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Those hon. Members who feel agitated on this question, if only they go into the working of that conference, it will allay all their misgivings and anxiety. The conference has expressed its opinion on various subjects which will be percolating to the countries concerned. Also, those representatives who have participated in that conference, will naturally write about their reactions which will be of immense help to the countries concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Really, I am surprised that Members should feel so concerned that a meeting has been held, it was convened at our request, we played the host, so much money has been spent and nothing has come out of it, or at least Government does not know anything about it. Hon. Members must remember that they have their own remedies. Any hon. Member can give notice of a motion to discuss this question. Why should this be brought up again and again, every Member repeating the same question?

Shri Hem Barua: After twelve days of labour they should produce something.

Mr. Speaker: He can help them in that production. Next question.

श्री बागड़ी : अघ्यक्ष महोदय, कमी इचर भी देख लिया करें ।

Shri Tyagi: How is it that you always have a kindly eye on him? This is something which encourages him.

Mr. Speaker: That does not satisfy him. Next question.