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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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*The House met at two of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SALT

\*1625. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state what decision has been arrived at on the recommendation of the Commodities Control Committee for abolition of the nominee system wherever it exists and for the provision of free import of salt?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** The concerned State Governments have been consulted on the lines recommended by the Commodity Controls Committee and a decision will be taken on receipt of replies from all the States.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know if, in view of the continued exploitation of the consumers in areas where this system prevails, Government consider it desirable to come to a speedy conclusion in the matter?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** That is what I said. Actually, Government have been handling the matter expeditiously. We have called for urgent replies from the State Governments, and some of the State Governments, for instance Vindhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat and Himachal Pradesh, have already sent replies.

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**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** When were the other Governments approached in the matter?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** I believe it was in the month of February that a communication was addressed to the State Governments.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know whether we are self-sufficient in salt or whether we have to import?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** No Sir, we are self-sufficient.

**सेठ अचल सिंह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय को यह मालूम है कि अब भी उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने नमक पर मनोपली कायम कर रखी है ?

**श्री आर० जी० दुबे :** उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने मनोपली कायम कर रखी है, इसके बारे में उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार के पास से सूचना मंगवाई गई है ।

TELEPHONE CABLES

\*1626. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the factory to produce telephone cables has since gone into production; and

(b) from which country these cables are being imported at present?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** (a) Yes. The factory has just been commissioned for production and

trial production of unarmoured cable has commenced.

(b) Germany, Japan, England, Italy and Holland.

**Shri Radha Raman:** What is our total requirement of telephone cables, and what portion of this requirement will be met by this factory?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** The estimates were prepared in 1949-50 of cables. At that time it was felt that we would require 469 miles. The present estimates are of the order of 660 miles. We propose to produce of the order of 470 miles.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know how long Government will take to make India self-sufficient in the production of telephone cables?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** So far as government requirements are concerned, it is 660 miles of cables. I have no idea whether telephone cables are required by other concerns. But this much I can say that so far as the government requirements are concerned, in the very near future we shall be able to satisfy the demand.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कम्यूनिकेशन्स मिनिस्ट्री ने टेलिफोन्स के लिये जितने केबुल की जरूरत होती है, उस की रिक्वायरमेन्ट मिनिस्ट्री आफ प्रोडक्शन के पास भेजी है ? यदि हाँ, तो इस के सम्बन्ध में मिनिस्ट्री क्या कर रही है ?

**श्री आर० जी० दुबे :** मैं ने कहा कि कम्यूनिकेशन्स मिनिस्ट्री ने यह बताया है कि उन को करीब करीब ६६० मील तक के केबल सालाना चाहियें। इस के बारे में प्रोडक्शन मिनिस्ट्री सोच विचार कर रही है। जो हमारी मौजूदा कैपेसिटी है वह ४७० मील की है। हम सोच रहे हैं कि जो हमारी फैक्ट्री है उसी में कुछ रद्दी बदल कर के इस प्रोडक्शन को एक्सपेंड कर सकें तो अच्छा है।

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know what is the difference in price between the imported and the indigenous cables?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** I am sorry I am not in a position to state that.

#### COFFEE ESTATES

\*1627. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many coffee estates are interplanted with orange trees, cardamom and pepper vines;

(b) whether these interplanted estates are more profitable;

(c) whether any special variety of coffee is required for interplantation;

(d) whether any attempts have been made to cultivate coffee in areas other than the southern part of India; and

(e) if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) to (c). Precise information is not available.

(d) and (e). Attempts were made to grow coffee in certain parts of Bihar, West Bengal (bordering on the East Bengal), Assam and in scattered patches in Upper Madhya Pardesh, Orissa and Andhra States. The results were not found encouraging.

**श्री एस० सी० सामन्त :** क्या यह बात सच नहीं है कि ग्रैंडमन्स में जो फारेस्ट्स हैं उन में काफी वाइल्डली ग्रो होती है ?

**श्री करमरकर :** इस का मुझे पता नहीं।

**श्री एस० सी० सामन्त :** क्या यह बात सच नहीं है कि हिमालय रेंज में यह काफी ग्रो हो सकती है ?

**श्री करमरकर :** हिमालय में टी ग्रो कर सकते हैं, काफ़ी कर सकते हैं या नहीं, यह मुझे नहीं मालूम।