

डिपॉजिट मिला है, और दूसरे इंग्लैण्ड की खदान मैसूर में, पोलूर की खदान मद्रास में, लक्ष्मियाल की खदान काश्मीर में, तारादेशी की खदान हिमाचल प्रदेश में और वाइनाद की खदान मद्रास में ।

**Shri Damani:** May I know whether there is shortage of sulphur in this country and because of that the price of sulphur has shot up abnormally? If so, what efforts are being made by the Government to improve the situation?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is true that there is a shortage of sulphur, which is a most important commodity. Therefore, we are trying to see that the actual users, that is, the manufacturers get it at reasonable prices from the established importers.

#### Indian Trade Delegation

\*1833. **Shri Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to send a Trade Delegation abroad to popularise coir products;

(b) if so, whether the arrangements for the same have been finalised; and

(c) the names of the countries which the Delegation proposes to visit?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The tentative proposal is that the delegation may visit the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, but the arrangements have not yet been finalised.

**Shri Kumaran:** The decision to send a delegation to the foreign countries was taken by the Coir Board in September 1956. When the proposal was placed before the Government, they postponed it by saying that the political situation in the Middle Eastern countries was not propitious. In view of the fact that the question of sending a delegation to the foreign

countries for this purpose is very urgent, may I know whether Government will take immediate steps for finalising the arrangements before the political situation in the Middle Eastern countries once again becomes worse?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is true that at one stage we could not accept the recommendation of the Coir Board, because of the foreign exchange consideration. We again reconsidered the matter at the last meeting of the Coir Board and we have decided to send the delegation immediately and I think within a month or six weeks a delegation consisting of four people will be leaving this country.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** May I know whether the personnel of the delegation has already been finalised?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes, more or less. There will be the Chairman of the Coir Board, a representative of the coir trade, a representative of exporters of coir manufacture and one coir businessman who can assist them in finding out the real potentialities for the export market.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** May I know whether any representative of the workers' organisations will be included in this delegation?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir. This is a delegation for purely finding out the foreign markets and I hope the hon. Member will agree that no workers' representative is required for that purpose.

#### Tea Exports to U.K.

\*1835. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is losing its market for tea in United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) and (b). There are fluctuations