

डिपॉजिट मिला है, और दूसरे इंग्लैण्ड की खदान मैसूर में, पोखर की खदान मद्रास में, लखियाल की खदान काश्मीर में, तारादेही 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

in our exports to U.K. as in our total exports. There is no firm trend to show that our tea exports to U.K. are declining.

**Shri Daljit Singh:** May I know the quantity of tea exported to the United Kingdom during 1956 and 1957?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The quantity exported during 1956 was 36,54,00,000 lbs. But the quantity that reached U.K. during the same year was only about 30 crores lbs. On account of the Suez crisis, the shipments were perhaps held on the way.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** May I know.....

**Shri Yajnik:** What about the figures for 1957?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** In 1957 the quantity exported was 30,38,00,000 lbs. and the quantity that reached U.K. was 34,85,00,000 lbs.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** In view of the fact that the East African competition is growing, may I know whether discussions are going on about the tea agreement and, if so, at what stage is it?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** Yes, negotiations for renewal of the tea agreement are going on.

**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** This answer was given two months ago. We want to know at what stage the matter is and what is the possibility of an agreement being arrived at in a short time?

**Shri Kanungo:** There is not very much hope, because the other parties are not agreeable. But we are continuing our efforts.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** In a few of the European countries very inferior variety of tea is being used and some of those countries, specially in Eastern Europe, have made offers to us of machinery on long term basis. May I know whether any efforts have been made to sell the average variety of

tea to those countries and get machinery for the benefit of our manufacturers?

**Shri Kanungo:** The information of the hon. Member is not quite correct.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** Is it a fact that our direct export of tea has been substantially cut down?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** It has not been cut down. There has been some fluctuation. The overall exports during 1957 were slightly less as compared to. But the average exports from India are almost at the same level as the average of some previous years.

**Shri C. D. Pande:** May I know whether Government is aware of the trend in recent months, that is, for the first three months of this year, the export of tea to U.K. has gone to 40 per cent. of the last year's level? For example, in February last year we exported tea worth £ 8 million whereas this year it was only £ 3 million. Is Government going to consider the possibility of increasing the export of tea to U.K., which is our most important customer?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri):** I cannot exactly say whether the figure just now mentioned by Mr. Pande is correct. But there is no doubt that the position during the last two or three years has not been very unsatisfactory. The position has almost remained the same. There have been fluctuations, no doubt. But, yet we should not feel complacent about it, because the other countries are competing, especially Ceylon and East Africa. So, we have to make a special effort. We propose to send a delegation to some countries for propagating the use of tea and I hope that that delegation will succeed in that matter. In U.K. specially, we propose to appoint a few officers of ours to help in increasing our export. That is the only step which we can take at the present moment.

**Shri Balakrishnan:** Is it a fact that propoganda is done only through the International Tea Board since our country has no propagandist of its own to popularise our tea?

**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri:** We were a member of that Board but we are no longer its member and we wanted to undertake this propoganda with the co-operation of Ceylon. We wanted to have a joint propoganda done, but somehow the Ceylon Government is not willing for that. Hence we propose to take steps unilaterally.

**Shri Liladhar Kotaki:** May I know whether the Government are aware that because of many countries producing tea and competing with our tea exports there are certain interested parties who might be trying to deteriorate the quality of our tea while processing it for the export market?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** There is no apprehension of such a thing happening. As far as we know every effort is being made in India to improve the quality of our tea.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if it is a fact that levy of a uniform duty on tea regardless of quality and price on account of which common tea, is facing difficulty which constitutes 60 per cent. of the Indian production, is one of the factors responsible for the fluctuations of the market in U.K.?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The hon. Minister has announced in this House that that aspect is under consideration and it is expected that Government will be able to arrive at a decision not at a distant date.

**Shri Damani:** May I know as to how our export figures of January, February and March, 1958, compare with the figures for January, February and March 1957?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The figures for 1958 are not yet available. Therefore it is difficult to draw any inference. Most of our tea to the United Kingdom is exported on consignment

basis and the actual auctions take place much later. Even if any teas have been despatched during the last month or so, they would not have arrived in the United Kingdom. These figures will be available after some time.

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क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री २८ अगस्त, १९५७ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १२६० के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र के भाषणों और लेखों का संग्रह प्रकाशित करने की दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री के सहायक (श्री. डा० ज० जोशी): इस बारे में विचार किया जा रहा है कि इस संग्रह में क्या शामिल किया जाये और इसकी रूपरेखा क्या हो ।

An Hon. Member: In English also.

**Shri A. C. Joshi:** The exact scope and contents of such a collection are still under discussion.

श्री भक्त वर्दान : श्रीमन् क्या इन लेखों के संग्रह और सम्पादन का कार्य किसी विशेष व्यक्ति के सुपुर्द किया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० कोसकर): जी नहीं ।

श्री भक्त वर्दान : क्योंकि यह कहा गया है कि इस सम्बन्ध में विचार हो रहा है, इसलिये मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि देर से देर कब तक इस बारे में निर्णय हो सकेगा ?

डा० कोसकर : यह कहना मेरे लिये बहुत कठिन है । इस सम्बन्ध में विचार