

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 जे० 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 केशकर): 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 केशकर : यह कहना मेरे लिये बहुत कठिन है । इस सम्बन्ध में विचार

इस लिये ही रहा है कि उन के व्याख्यान प्रायः हिन्दुस्तान में ही नहीं, बल्कि हिन्दुस्तान के बाहर भी काफी समय तक हुए और वे कहां तक उपलब्ध हो सकते हैं, इस के बारे में खोज की जा रही है और उस के बाद ही निर्णय किया जायगा ।

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : इस खोज के लिये और इस सब सामग्री के सम्पादन के लिये क्या मंत्री जी का महकमा किसी एक सम्पादक को पूरे समय के लिये नियुक्त करने का विचार करेगा ?

डा० केशकर : इस वक्त नहीं, क्योंकि इस समय हम भ्रलग भ्रलग देशों में, जहां यह सामग्री उपलब्ध हो सकती है, पत्र-व्यवहार से और दूसरी प्रकार इस सम्बन्ध में जानने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं । उस के बाद इस पर विचार किया जायगा ।

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know if any particular committee has been set up for considering this matter and what is the reason for the delay in view of the fact that most of the writing and speeches of Netaji are available?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has just now replied that.

Dr. Keskar: Both the things are different. First of all, when a committee will be necessary we will certainly appoint one. For the moment we are exploring as to what we will be able to get published in the volume because a large number of speeches were delivered by Netaji outside India. The number of such speeches—authentic speeches—which will be available is not yet very sure. We are contacting his old colleagues and followers who were with him in the different countries. I am trying to find out as to how much of the material is available and then we will take further steps.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if the Government have in their possession the recorded speeches or the

scripts of the speeches that were broadcast from the South-East Asian radio stations in different countries? Do they have them in their possession?

Dr. Keskar: The hon. Member is referring to radio speeches.

Shri Hem Barua: Yes. He made certain broadcasts over the air from South-East Asian radio stations. May I know if the Government are in possession of those records or the scripts of the speeches which he broadcast from these stations?

Dr. Keskar: Government are in possession of only two records of Netaji's speeches delivered in South-East Asia. Certain scripts are there but the number is very small.

श्री प० ला० बाबुलाल : क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जान सकता हूँ कि नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस के लेख और अन्य सामग्री जिन व्यक्तियों के पास है, अगर वे सामग्री सरकार को देंगे, तो उन को कोई पुरस्कार भी दिया जायगा ?

डा० केशकर : इस पर हरेक व्यक्ति से भ्रलग भ्रलग बात ही सकती है और अगर ऐसा कोई सवाल आयगा, तो उस पर विचार किया जायेगा ।

Shri Joachim Alva: Has Government drawn up a list of great Indians, apart from the biographies of Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji's writings and speeches, whose biographies should be written for the benefit of present and future generations, including that of Sarojini Naidu?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know if there is a proposal to prepare the biographies of other great leaders.

Dr. Keskar: There is not only a proposal but we propose to publish a series called "The builders of Modern India". But mainly their life and not their speeches will be contained in it.