

committee has been made to go into it. I would like to know whether a Commission of Inquiry will be set up on this question and Shri Morarji Desai and Shri I. G. Patel will be called before it and given a chance to put the whole thing straight.

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** I did not understand the question. Does the hon. Member want a Commission of Inquiry on it? If that is the demand from the Opposition...

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** That is the demand.

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** If that is the demand from all sides, I am prepared to convey it to the Prime Minister.

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** You appoint a Commission of Inquiry just now. But I know you will not do it.

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** There are all bravadoes.

**PROF. N. G. RANGA:** We do not want to repeat your blunders.

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** I can assure the hon. Member that if the Cabinet sub-committee after going through these records in its wisdom thinks that the Commission of Inquiry is warranted then it will not shirk from doing it.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Q. No. 461. I have called next question. Nothing will go on record. (Interruptions)\*\*

#### Export of Himachal and Kashmir Apples

\*461. **SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging the export of Himachal and Kashmir apple to foreign countries by providing necessary incentives in the form of financial assistance to the apple growers/exporters to meet the

initial expenditure for export quality empty apple cases and freight charges upto export point;

(b) if so, the quantity of apples exported last year and proposed to be exported during the current year; and

(c) the particulars of incentives provided or proposed to be provided?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN):** (a) and (c). Central Government do not provide any financial assistance to the apple growers/exporters separately for meeting initial expenditure for export quality empty apple cases and freight charges upto export point. However, Government provide cash compensatory support at the rate of 15 per cent of the f.o.b. value and Import replacement at the rate of 5 per cent of f.o.b. value for import of packing material.

(b) The total quantity of apple exported during 1-4-1979 to 31-1-1980 was 2164 tonnes. Exports during the current year will depend on demand and supply position as it is allowed without any quantitative restriction.

**श्री जितेन्द्र प्रसाद :** सेव हिमाचल प्रदेश, कुमाऊँ और जम्मू-कश्मीर से एक्सपोर्ट किये जाते हैं। यह एक फारेन एक्सचेंज ग्रनिंग कमोडिटी है। क्या सरकार के पास इस फारेन एक्सचेंज ग्रनिंग कमोडिटी के बारे में ग्राभर को कोई फ्रैण इन्सेन्टिव देने की कोई योजना है, अगर है, तो मंत्री महोदय उस की डिटेल्स दें, अगर नहीं है, तो क्या सरकार सेव के एक्सपोर्ट को बढ़ाने में दिलचस्पी नहीं रखती है ?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** I have already stated that 15 per cent cash compensatory allowance is given. The whole trouble about the export of apples is this. The surface transportation charges are very high from India to these importing countries as compared to exporting countries from Europe,

America and other places to the countries where the apple is imported.

**श्री जितेन्द्र प्रसाद :** मैंने सवाल किया है कि क्या सरकार प्रोथर्स को कोई इनसेन्टिव देने के बारे में सोच रही है या नहीं। उस का जवाब नहीं आया है।

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** It is the responsibility of the Horticulture Departments of the States.

**श्री जितेन्द्र प्रसाद :** क्या सरकार ने वर्ल्ड मार्केट का कोई सर्वे किया है कि सेब की खपत कहां हो सकती है? क्या सरकार ने कोई जानकारी हासिल की है कि आईन्दा आने वाले साल में सेब के एक्सपोर्ट की मिक्चर क्या होगी?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** Our share in the world market is only 2 per cent. Export depend upon the crop which is produced in this country. As you know there are only two regions namely, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir which produce apples. Whatever incentives or encouragement are needed, we provide them to the maximum extent possible.

**श्री पी० नामग्याल :** जूहां तक ऐपल एक्सपोर्ट का सवाल है, प्रापर और साइंटिफिक पैकिंग और साइंटिफिक ग्रेडिंग न होने की वजह से हमारे ऐपल बाहर के कन्ट्रीज में कम्पीट नहीं कर पाते हैं। मैं आनरेबल मिनिस्टर से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि सरकार ने इस सिलसिले में क्या स्टेप्स लिये हैं कि ऐपल का साइंटिफिक ग्रेडिंग और प्रापर पैकिंग किया जाये, ताकि वे बाहर के मुल्कों की प्राइकट से कम्पीट कर पायें?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** As regards packing, I have already mentioned that we give 5 per cent import replenishment to import packing material. But the real trouble is, apples get really rotten in packing them on surface transport from J&K land from Himachal Pradesh to the point of export like Bombay and other places.

**SHRI P. NAMGYAL:** What about grading?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** It is done at the point of export. They grade it. They separate it. All those which are not of good quality are not exported. They are removed.

**श्री कृष्ण दत्त सुल्तानपुरी :** हिमाचल प्रदेश में सेबों को पैक करने के लिये लकड़ी के बक्स बनते हैं। लेकिन अब वहां पर बेशुमार दरख्त काटे जा रहे हैं। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या प्रबन्ध किया है और क्या किसी दूसरी चीज के बक्स बनाने की कोई व्यवस्था की है। मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार ने सेब के छोटे उत्पादकों को क्या प्रोत्साहन दिया है।

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN:** This is a question pertaining to the export of apples. Apples are not exported in wooden boxes. They are exported in light-material boxes. Therefore, this question does not arise out of the main question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Collaboration with International Hotels Chains for Sale and Marketing Abroad**

\*459. **SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to allow hotel industry in the country to have collaboration with renowned international hotel chains for the purposes of sales and marketing abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):** (a) Yes, Sir.