

सदस्य उन्हे हैं, तो हमारी तरफ के भी खडे हो जाते है, जैसे वे किसी अडर-करन्ट से जुडे हुए हों या कोई मैकेनिकल एरेजमेन्ट हो ।

श्री मधु लिक्ष्मै : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं कोई बटन नहीं दबाता हूँ । (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय अब सेशन के सिर्फ तीन चार दिन रहे गये है । माननीय सदस्य शान्ति से काम करे । अगर लगाई करनी हूँ, तो घर मे जा कर करे ।

श्री ज्योतिर्नय बसु वह हल्ला पाटी है ।

MR. SPEAKER. As if you are the gentlest.

#### New Agreement between Major Tea Exporting Countries in respect of Tea Export Quota

\*521. SHRI B. S. BHAURA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether a new agreement has been arrived at between major tea exporting countries regarding tea export quota. and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). In continuation of the informal arrangement in force from first January, 1970 for regulating the exports from major producing countries, the sixth session of sub-group of tea exporters was held in Rome from 2nd to 4th July, 1973 under the auspices of F.A.O. where new export quotas for 1973-74 and 1974-75 were fixed in respect of 15 tea exporting countries accounting for about 95 per cent of total world tea exports. The global tea exports agreed for 1973-74 and 1974-75 are 657 million kgs. and 681 million kgs. respectively. India's share is 217.8 million kgs. for 1973-74 and 224.3 million kgs. for 1974-75.

SHRI B. S. BHAURA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that in major exporting countries like the U.K. and U.S.A., our tea is ruling very much? Is it due to our export policy which, the world recognises? Also our price is going up, their demand is not increasing because of cost of production and also because they get that from other countries?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE It is true that UK used to be our most important traditional buyer of tea. Their demand has gone down not only in respect of Indian tea but even the total tea consumption has slightly gone down.

As I said earlier UK used to be the most important buyer of tea. But, of late, there are many new tea producing countries that are coming up in the African continent. Most of them are sterling companies where only the UK may have a buying interest. I cannot agree with the hon Member that the price of tea has gone up. In fact tea is one commodity where the price has gone down.

SHRI B S BHAURA Is it also a fact that our promotional activities in other countries are very less than those done by the smaller countries like Ceylon?

SHRI A C GEORGE Our promotional efforts are good. But, there is definitely room for improvement. We are making the best effort to have an aggressive tea policy.

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GO-SWAMI May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that last year we could not fulfil our target of F.A.O quota of 200 million kilograms. In view of the fact that the price of tea is coming down and the cost of production is going up, whether the Government is making a total review of the export policy regarding tea?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE:** In the current year, that is in 1972, our export of Indian tea was 207.3 million kilograms. It is, of course, true that we did not reach the target. Our performance is not bad. About amenities to tea exporters, I think he refers to excuse duty of the zonal system; we are looking into it.

**SHRI JAGANNATH RAO:** May I know if UK's entry into FEC would affect our tea exports to UK?

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE:** May not directly affect; but as I said our problem is one of competition from new African producing countries where UK itself has got certain direct interest.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय अनेक देशो मे हमारी ओर से इण्डियन टी हाऊस के नाम मे जो टी हाउसमेज चलाए जाते है, क्या यह सही है कि उन पर खर्च अधिक किया जाता है और उगमे कोई आमदनी नही होती है? और जिन देशो मे हम चाय भेजते है वहाँ देश हमारी शुद्ध चाय नही बेचते है, वह किमो अन्य देश की चाय का मिक्सचर कर के उस बेचते है जिन मे हमारी चाय के बारे मे सही जानकारी नही हो पाती, तो क्या जिन देशो के साथ करार किया जाता है उन के साथ यह शर्त रखे कि हमारा चाय जो बेची जाए वह शुद्ध रूप मे लोगो को मिले न कि किमी किम्म की मिश्रण उभ मे ली जाय?

अध्यक्ष महोदय क्या प्रश्न दखा ?

श्री हुकम चन्द का प्रश्न सही है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय क्या आप उम्मेद करते है कि फिर भी।

The question says Whether a new agreement has been arrived at between major tea exporting countries regarding tea export quota and if so the broad outlines thereof.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं ने कहा जो चाय आप निर्यात करते है उसे उन देशो में बे लोग शुद्ध रूप मे नही बेचते है, उस मे मिश्रावट करते है तो जा करार किया जाता है ,

**MR SPEAKER.** If this question can fit in somewhere you can reply.

**SHRI A. C. GEORGE** If he insists I will fit it in. Naturally Indian centres will be only selling and promoting Indian tea. The Member may have a point that these centres are not doing much. We intend handing over these centres to Indian Tourism Development Corporation who may them with some commercial outlook.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नही आया। जिन देशो के साथ करार किया जाता है क्या उस करार के साथ यह भी शर्त है कि वह हमारी चाय को किमी अन्य देश की चाय के साथ मिला कर नही बेचेगे।

**MR SPEAKER** No I am not allowing it. Next question.

एक बात बना व शर्त की, यह जो आप की आवत है दूसरी दफा जरूर उठने का, यह बहुत बुरा है।

### Overdrafts by States

\*522. **SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the position regarding overdrafts taken by the State Governments as in July, 1973;