

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIA : The number of passengers booked from Patna City for Delhi and Tatanagar in which direction No. 85/86, Assam Mail and No. 87/88 South Bihar Express run, is 6 and 1 respectively. The purpose of No. 85/86 Assam Mail is equally served by No. 7/8 Toofan Express since its timings are similar for journeys to and from Delhi. The calculation is done on the basis of other passenger train services.

श्री राम सहजय पांडे : श्रीमान्, इस प्रश्न में एक रेलगाड़ी का नाम है टाटा एक्सप्रेस। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस नाम का महत्त्व क्या है? यह टाटा एक्सप्रेस नाम किस लिए है? इसका नाम बेंज हो जाना चाहिए।

Decline in popularity of Indian Tea in Foreign Countries

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*342. **SHRI SATPAL KAPUR :**
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the popularity of Indian tea has declined in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the extent of decline; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make it popular again ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : It is a very peculiar form of reply given by the hon. Minister. Even then with your permission, I shall put my question. Will the hon. Minister be pleased to inform this House the tea exported from India in 1951 and 1970 in terms of the world's total export, not in terms of money, but in terms of the world's total export? What is the percentage in 1951 and 1970?

Secondly, to get the answer very properly, will the hon. Minister be pleased to say what was the total tea export to Great Britain, one of the major importers of Indian tea, in 1951 and 1970, not in terms of money but in quantity?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : The figures that are with me are from 1966; not from 1951.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Why?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : At the moment, I have only these six years' figures. On that basis, I will say that in 1969, our export was of the value of Rs. 121.54 crores and last year it was Rs. 148.82 crores. He wanted to know our export to the United Kingdom. I have not got the country-wise break-up. But I might say that our export to the United Kingdom has declined.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Even in terms of money, from what the hon. Minister has expressed, it is quite clear that in between 1966 and 1969, our tea export has declined.

MR. SPEAKER : It is only in respect of the United Kingdom; not in general.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : In general also, because he quoted the other figures : Rs. 148.82 is the latest figure as he said; there is variation from Rs. 121 crores to Rs. 148 crores. I wanted to know, not in terms of money, but the total export in terms of quantity, because I was trying to know whether the quantity of Indian tea that is exported to foreign countries has increased. I think it is now de-popularised; it is not popular. That is one of the reasons. (Interruptions) What was the reason, and why it has not been so popular in comparison to other teas of the world, because the Tea Board has opened a shop in London, and they are selling some tea in London.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : In London, we have got a tea centre; that is for propaganda purposes and to popularise Indian tea. I would like to inform the hon. Member that

the export of tea from India had increased to 208.4 million kg. in 1970, from 168.7 million kg. in 1969, thus showing an increase of 39.7 million kg. over the previous year. The value of tea export has increased to Rs. 148.82 crores in 1970 from Rs. 121.54 crores in 1969. In the coming year perhaps we are going to do much better.

श्री सतपाल कपूर : क्या मंत्री महोदय बताएँ कि क्या यह दुस्त है कि दार्जिलिंग में 100-टी मार्केट्स में से 30 बन्द हो गए और दूसरे में यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वर्ल्ड मार्केट में टी के जितने नये मार्केट बन रहे हैं उनको हम पूरी तरह कौन्पर नहीं कर पा रहे हैं, बल्कि दूसरे कम्पटीज जैसे पाकिस्तान और सीलोन वर्ल्ड मार्केट को कौन्पर करने में हमसे आगे है ?

श्री एल० एन० मिश्र : जहाँ तक वर्ल्ड मार्केट का सवाल है यह बात सही नहीं है कि हम दुनिया के बाजार में नहीं पहुँचे हैं और दूसरे देश हमसे आगे हैं। जहाँ तक पाकिस्तान का सवाल है पाकिस्तान चाय एक्सपोर्ट नहीं करता है, सीलोन करता है और अभी हमारा सीलोन के साथ एक ज्वाइंट एग्जिमेंट हुआ है। हमारा एक ज्वाइंट कोटा बन रहा है जिसमें कि 50 परसेंट हमारा रहेगा और 50 परसेंट सीलोन का रहेगा। इस तरह सीलोन के साथ जो एक कम्पटीशन हो गया था वह बन्द हो जायगा।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : In spite of the fact that in the first session of the Fifth, Lok Sabha he had given an assurance that the tea marketing corporation will come into operation within five or six weeks, why is it that it has not come into existence and it has not started operating? How soon is it going to start?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : We are not getting a qualified managing director and also a chairman. I want to have a chairman from West Bengal and the managing director also from West Bengal. The moment we get qualified persons it will come into existence.

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : May I know from the hon. Minister why tea export to England has declined?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : It is not only the United Kingdom but also the United States, Canada, Australia, UAR and Iraq. To these markets our tea export has come down. The reason is that they opted for other varieties of tea.

Lock out by Hada Textiles, Hooghly
(West Bengal)

*343. SHRI MOHAMMED ISMAIL : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Hada Textiles, Hooghly District (West Bengal) was locked out on the 22nd August, 1971;

(b) if so, the total number of workers thrown out of employment; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to lift the lock-out?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The lock-out has been lifted and the mill has commenced working with effect from 6th September, 1971.

श्री मोहम्मद इस्माइल : पहले तो मंत्री महोदय यह बताएँ कि वहाँ पर जो फैक्ट्री का लाक आउट हुआ उसके कारण क्या थे ? क्या उसके इस्त्रूज थे ? क्यों वह लाक आउट हुआ ?

श्री एल० एन० मिश्र : 22 अगस्त, 1971 को यह लाक आउट हुआ था और 14 दिन के बाद 6 सितम्बर, 1971 को लाक आउट बन्द हुआ और काम करना शुरू हुआ। लोगों का कहना है कि मजदूरों की कुछ माँगें थीं और मिल वालों का कहना था कि बहुत इंडिस्टिग्न है, हम काम को चला नहीं सकते। लेकिन आपस में समझौता कराया गया, उसके बाद मिल चल रही है।