Shri S. E. Damani: According to sma, the contract was pariculate as the party could not supply the goods. May I know whether the quantity pur-chased later on was purchased at a higher price or at a lower price?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I am sorry, could not give the exact value of sulphur purchased thereafter. I have not got it at this stage, but I will be glad to give it to the hon. Member.

भी समूल गवी शर: लिमये जी ने सवाल किया था कि उस बक्त क्या यह सक नहीं है कि देश में उसका भाव 45 रुपये के लगभग बा और धगर यह सच है तो धापने 55 रुपये में क्वो खरीदा? जवाब में मंत्री जी ने कहा कि हमने जब बाहर से अपरीदा उस वक्त उसका रेट ऐसा ही या । में जानता चाहता ह कि इसका माडेर देने से पहले क्या प्रापने यह देख लिया था कि क्या यह देश में ही सबेलेबल नहीं है, और सरकार के कामों के लिये काफी द्मवेलेवल नही है? मगर नही देखा याती अस्यो नहीं देखा था? फिर जब यहां पर इतना सस्ता था प्रापने महगा क्यो खरीदा ? द्मपने देश में रेट इतना गिरा हुआ या तो फिर भापने 55 रुपये में क्यो खरीदा ? नवीं द्यापने इसकी इजाजत दी ?

[لمُعُرجي نے سوال کیا تھا کھ أس وقت كيا يه سي نهين هے كه ديعن میں اس کا بھاؤ ہم رویھے کے لگ بھگ تها اور اگریہ سے ہے نو آپ لے ٥٥ روپيئے ميں کيوں خريدا - جواب میں مفتری بھی نے کہا ہے کہ ہم نے جب باهو ير خريدا اس وقت اس كا ويت ايسا هي تها - مين جانلا چاهتا میں کہ آس کا اُرتد دینے ہے ا بيل کها آب نے یه دیکیه لیا تها که کیا یه دیش میں هی اپیلیبل نہیں ھے اور جوزار کے کلموں کے لیے کانی اربليبل تهين هـ - اگر تيين ديكيا تها تو کیوں نہیں دیکھا تھا - پہر جب یہاں ہو اتنا سستا تھا آپ نے ميلكا كيون خريدا - اينے ديم مين ریت انفا کرا هوا تها تو یهر آب نے ٥٥ رويهگے مهن کهن خريدا - کهن آپ نے اس کی اجازت دی ۔ ]

भी दिनेश सिंह : कुछ गलत फहमी हो गई है। हमारे देश में सल्फर की बहुत कमी है। हम इसको बहुत बड़ी तादाद में बाहुर से मगति हैं। इस साम लगभग 6 लाख टन सक्षफर बाहर से घाएगा । इर धास्ते यह सवाल नहीं है कि हमारे देश में सस्ता भिल रहा था भीर हमने नहीं लिया।

Awards to Exporters

•1292. Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri S. R Damani:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow competition among exporters and to give awards; and
- (b) if so, the main features of the proposal?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal under consideration is to give a limited number of awards, in the forms of shields, for outstanding export effort mittee will be set up to make recommendations for the awards. Exporters with outstanding export performance as well as to other institutions making significant contributions in the field of export promotion will be considered for awards.

की धश्चाल सिंह : बचाय इसके कि लोगों को इकट्ठा किया जाए और उन्हें इनाम में इपया तकसीम किया जाए, क्यों नहीं इस उपये को सरकार खुद रखती है और खुद ही नियति के काम को हाथ में लेती है? जाप एक्सपार्ट बांद्रया करेगे तो जनता जापको इनाम देगी और जाप हरदिल जजीब बनेगे।

श्री विनेश सिंह: भाननीय सदस्य कीं शुभ कामनाश्रो के लिए मैं बहुत कृतज्ञ हूं। इपया वितरण करने का यह प्रश्न नही है। शोल्ड की बात में कर रहा था।

श्री यज्ञपाल सिंह : क्यां सरकार कता सकती है कि इन समय हमारा जो एक्सपोर्ट हो रहा है वह कहा, किस जगह लीक कर रहा है, किस जगह हम लूब कर रहे हैं, कहां घाटे में हम चल रहे हैं?

भी विनेश सिंह: यह तो बहुत बड़ा प्रश्न है, प्रविष्यक्ष महोदय ।

Shri S. C. Samanta: The Board of Trade recommended that good exporters should be granted suitable Presidential Awards. May I know whether that has been considered and whether those who are given awards will be given financial help also?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I mentioned in my reply that we are setting up a Committee for this. I think, it would be better to wait for a Committee to be set up and to wait for their recommendations.

Shri S. R. Damani: This will be a good inducement for increasing our exports. But what really matters is the competitiveness of our products for increasing our exports. Our exports are falling. May I know what other steps Government is considering to increase our exports apart from this.

Shri Dinesh Singh: I entirely agree with the hon. Member when he says that what really matters is the competitiveness of our products rather than anything else. But human anure being what it is, sometimes an incomtive of this kind also helps. Regarding the promotion schemes as such, we have discussed them in the House at a great length It is very difficult for me to give a short answer on this matter.

भी रचुनीर तिह शास्त्री: निर्मातकों को पुरस्कार देते वनत क्या यह भी भाष ध्यान रखेगे कि जिन लोगों को पुरस्कार दिया जाता है वे भागात कितन करते हैं? इसका कारण यह हैं कि निर्मात से जो उनके द्वारा मुद्रा इधर भाती है वह भागात में चली जाती है। इसके साथ साथ क्या भाष यह भी बतायेगे कि जो दूर्नभ मुद्रा वाले देश हैं उन्हीं देशों को निर्मात करने वालों को पुरस्कार दिया जाता है या भौरों को भी दियह जाता है?

भी विनेश सिंह: सभी विया नहीं गया है कोई पुरस्कार । यह तो भविष्य में देने की बात चस रही है ।

Shri P. K. Ghesh: Importers make 300 to 400 per cent profit while for exports Government has to give incentives....

Mr. Speaker: You are giving information, not asking for information.

Shri P. K. Ghosh: I am coming tomy question.

In view of the fact that our goedcannot compete in the international market, Government has to give incentives to exporters in the form of cash also. Under the circumstances, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government consider, for the promotion of exports, the question of allowing import licences only to exporters so that they get incentive and they make good the loss that they incur in exports by way of imports.

Shri Dinesh Singh; It is a complicated question. I shall bear the suggestion of the hon. Member in mind.

भी राम चरण: जिस तरह से एक्स-पोर्ट करने वालों को इनाम देने की स्कीम एप बना रहे हैं उसी तरह इनिर्फारयर क्वालिटी का माल थो सप्लाई करे उन पर उलटा पैनेसटी इम्पोब करने का भी भाप कोई इंतबाम करेंगे ?

भी बिनेश सिंह: भाननीय वदस्य शायद भानते ही हैं कि स्टैडबंड इंस्टीट्यूशन है तथा और भी कुछ तरीके हैं जिन से प्रगर प्राप भएने निर्मात का एक स्टैडबं रखने की कोशिश करते हैं और सब-स्टैडबं भाज के लिए कोशिश करते हैं कि वह देश से बाहर न जाए।

Shrimati Sushilg Bohatgi: Has the Government worked out the financial implications of the export promotion schemes and if so, will the Government use this money in the form of giving direct inducement to experts?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Yes; we have worked out the financial implications. We have had to discuss with the Ministry of Finance which has very carefully scrutinised it.

Shri 8. S. Kothari: On the one hand, Government proposes to give awards and on the other hand, the Finance Minister has taken away all the tax incentives for exports. How does the hon. Minister explain this contradiction in Government's policy? What are the concrete measures that are the to promote exports. I just want to know broadly two or three important measures.

Shel Dinesh Singh: If I may say in the very broadest aspect of it, it is that we hope that the business community, as the hon. Member knows, would try to help the country at this stage by exporting for which we may give them recognition rather than making it a purely money concern and trying to earn money only.

Shri S. S. Kathari: What are the features of export promotion schemes?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Chatterii.

Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji: Due to devaluation it was expected that our exports would go up, but now the exports have fallen down. May I know whether the hon. Minister is prepared to consider the desirability of taking over the export trade by stages by the public sector?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I have no objection to taking over the entire trade by stages as the hon. Member has mentioned, but there may be certain difficulties. As the House knows, the Party to which I have the honour to belong, has made some recommendations in this regard and I am very carefully examining them.

Siri Hem Barna: One of the ostensible reasons for devaluation was to promote exports, but unfortunately the exports are not getting intensified. On the other hand, there has been a lamentable decline in exports. In that context, may I know whether Government are conducting any probe into this fact whether deterioration inquality is responsible for this lamentable decline in our exports or there are some other reasons. Will the Government tell us about it?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I have shared my views very freely with the House on this subject and I have said that so far as devaluation is concerned, it was inevitable that there should have been some disturbance immediately after devaluation. But our exports are picking up and we hope that they will reach the targets that we have planmed.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Sonavane.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: assential part of Mr. Hem Barua's -question was not answered.

Hem Barua: About deterioration in quality.

Shri Dinesh Singh: About the quality. I have said that we have quality control for exports and we go into that.

Shri Sonavane: In view of uncompetitive export prices, I want to know what concrete and concerted steps are being taken by the Government to see that the export prices of our goods are reduced our exports are increased.

Shri Dinesh Singh: I wish I were in a position to give a simple answer to this very complicated question. We are now on the question of awards and not this.

So far as making the prices competitive in the international market is concerned the question of of production come in, the question of raw material adding to the national prices and so many other questions come in. We are looking into this matter.

भी शिवचरक साल : मैं ग्राप के माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना बाहता है कि बागरा में जो संमार और भारत भर भे प्रसिद्ध जते बनते हैं, उन के निर्यात के लिए किम किस देश के साथ करार किया गया है भीर झगर यह सिद्ध हो गया कि झागरा के ज्ते बहुत अच्छें हैं, तो वह क्या इनाम देने की कपा करेंगे।

भी विनेश सिंहः हम कमेटी के सामने सुझाव एखेंचे कि प्रसय प्रसय कामी- डिटीम की तरह क्तों के लिए भी एक सील्ड वी वाये, जिस पर जूते की बहुता शण्डी: तस्वीर हो ।

की अब लिक्को : माननीय सदस्य ने यह पूछा है कि झागरा में जो बहुत शब्छे जुते बनते है, बे किन किन देशों को निर्यात हो रहे हैं।

श्री विनेश सिंह: मगर मुझे से यह पूछा जाये कि हमारे देश से जुतों का नियात किस किस देश को हो रहा है, तो वह तो मैं बता सकता हं लेकिन इस वक्त मैं यह कैसे बता सकता हु कि द्यागरा में बने हुए जुते किस किस देश को भेजे जा रहे हैं ?

भी प्रेम चन्द वर्भाः मैं यह जानना चाहता हू कि क्या यह पुरुस्कार इस वर्ष के दौरान किये गये मैन्सिमय एवाउंट के निर्यात के ब्राधार पर दिया जायेगा या विक्रले वर्ष किये गये निर्यात के ब्राह्मर पर ।

भी विनेश सिंह : कमेटी इन सब बातों पर विचार करेगी।

श्रो मोशह प्रसाद : देश में जितने षाटे के रोजगार है, उन को सरकार धपने हाथ मे ले रही है भीर जितने मुनाफे के रोज-गार है, उनको वह बड़े पूंजीपतियों को दे रही है। इस प्रकार जब देश का दिवाला पिटता है, तो मरकार जनता पर नये नये टैक्स लगाकर उस की खन भीर पसीने की कमाई का ले लेती है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हं कि इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की नीति क्या **8** ?

भी विनेका सिंह : ऐसी कोशिया दी हम नहीं करते हैं। बल्कि पिछकी मर्तवा यह शिकायत थी कि फायदे वासे व्यापाए को हम अपने लिए रखे इए हैं।

को स्थम सिंहु: मैं यह सामना साहता हुँ कि किन सिंह स्पोरिटीय के निर्मात यह दशाय देने का फैसला किया गया है।

नी विनेश सिंह: सभी पर विचार करेंने ।

Shri S. K. Tapurlah: The smiling hon. Minister just now made what he thought was a valuable suggestion to the businessman to export without profits, if need be, for the sake of the country. May I ask him whether knowing also full well that the prices of our products are very prohibitive, Government will take any steps to at least make raw materials available at international prices so that if the manufacturers or exporters want to export without profit they can do so without loss or at some loss? Could the hon. Minister make raw materials available at international prices?

Shri Dlnesh Singh: The hon. Member knows full well that even if we made an attempt to make the raw materials available at international prices, they will not be able to export at international prices, because then they would say that labour is expensive, the cost of production is higher and so on. It is not such an easy question as has been sought to be made out. hon. Member knows very well that we have discussed this on many occasions, and as I have said in this House, we are discussing commodity-wise with the Export-Import Councils how best we can them to export.

## Expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant

\*1292. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Motals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to expand the Bhilai Steel Plant in the mear future; and (b) if, so, whether the Russian collaboration and import of materials from Russia involving foreign exchange will be necessary for the expansion?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Br. Chenna Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to expand the Bhilai Steel Plant from 2.5 million ingot tonnes capacity to 3.2 million ingot tonnes capacity during the Fourth Plan period.

(b) The expansion is being undertaken with the Russian Collaboration However, maximum utilisation of indigenous equipment, material and technical skill will be made in the proposed expansion

Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: What is the total estimate of the expansion programme and out of it how much will be utilised for foreign exchange?

Dr. Chenna Roddy: It is estimated that there will be two phases in which this expansion has to take place. For the first phase, the estimate is Rs. 287.58 millions with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 91.06 millions. The details of the second phase in regard to the different alternatives are still under examination. So, it is not possible to give a specific figure, but it is estimated that the second phase may cost roughly Rs. 580 millions with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 170 millions

Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: How many Russian experts are working there at present?

Dr. Chenna Reddi: For this particular expansion programme, we are only expecting that about 18 people will be required in the first phase; even they have not all arrived yet.

भी महाराज सिंह भारती: एचि का जो पुराना संस्थान है, जो फीलाद की मिलें बनायेगा, वह प्रपनी क्षमता से 10 फीसदी काम इस लिये कर रहा है कि उसको