

people. As far as the lower middle-class people are concerned, we have a proposal to put up a Janata Hotel.

SHRI JUGAL K'SHORE: The Ashoka Hotel and the Janpath Hotel are not for the poor people. Lot of expenses have to be incurred there.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: The Janata Hotel is to cater to the needs of the lower middle-class people. Government have not yet come to the stage of putting up a Dharamshala for free use.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know the prevailing daily charges in the Janata Hotel?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: There is no Janata Hotel now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Janata Hotel has yet to come.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: I wanted to know the charges in Hotel Janpath.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I do not know the exact rates but I think it should be about Rs. 35 for boarding and lodging. It should be somewhere about that.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Can any middle-class man afford to pay this much?

(No reply.)

SHRI S. C. DEB: May I know whether the Government feels the necessity for starting such hotels for the poorer class of people who are coming to Delhi?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: This question is entirely different. This is about the construction of a Sarai or Dharamshala for the free use of poor and middle-class people and I have said that we have no proposal of that kind. I may tell the hon. House that we have got the Lady Hardinge Sarai which caters to the needs of the poor people. Then we have got the Birla Temple Dharamshala and certain other such places.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What has become of the Janata Hotel, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Janata Hotel is still under consideration.

EXPORT OF COFFEE AT UN-ECONOMIC PRICES

\*465. SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the statement of the Chairman of the Coffee Board made at the Board's 50th meeting to the effect that the Board has found it difficult to export the surplus coffee at economic rates; and

(b) if so, what are the factors which have led to a recession in the prices of coffee?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) The Chairman, in his address to the Board at the 50th meeting held on 22nd September, 1960, drew attention to the decline in prices during the previous 4 months and observed that the Board were faced with the problem of how to dispose of the exportable surplus without bringing the final return to the grower below the economic level.

(b) There is a slight recession in the world market since 1959 and the effect of this is also felt on the prices secured for our coffee in the export sales.

SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: What is the total production of coffee in India and how much of it is used for export?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Our coffee production has been going up and I think it is roughly about 40,000 tons now and a little more than half of it is exported.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question I hour is over.