

MR. CHAIRMAN: "Is it not a fact that these details were given to Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda?" That is what he asks.

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: May I, Sir, relieve the hon. Member's anxiety and discomfort by giving the information relevant to the question? Sir, a few weeks ago, I was there and I personally looked into the matter. Some information was given to me but it was not quite complete, it was very vague. Therefore, Sir, I asked for more information. We held a meeting of the workers of the area and it was decided that there should be a proper enquiry: Some officer of the Himachal Administration was appointed. I telephoned last night to find out the latest position and I was told that the enquiry was in progress.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: No, Sir. He did not mention any such thing. (Interruption).

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he said was that the information was not complete. He used that word also. That is exactly what he said.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: He said some other things. You heard it and I also heard it. Now, Sir, since some kind of investigation or enquiry has been in progress and since the hon. Minister of Planning met them and talked to them, may I know, Sir, the reason for such delay in coming to some conclusion with regard to this matter? Is it due to any pressure being brought upon the Lieutenant-Governor?

MR. CHAIRMAN: "Full information has not been given." That is the answer given by him. Next question.

**TEA-TASTER AND MARKETING EXPERT IN THE TEA BOARD**

\*312. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tea-taster and a marketing expert are working in the Tea Board;

(b) whether any of the recently appointed tea-promotion officers have been trained as tea-tasters;

(c) what are the qualifications of the Director of Production in the Tea Board.

(d) what has been the tangible result of the tea export promotion drive in the continent of Europe, specially in West Germany; and

(e) how much has been spent during the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 on export promotion drive in Europe?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

(a) While there is no officer working as a tea-taster or as a marketing expert as such under the Tea Board, the Director, Tea Development who has long experience as a planter is well conversant with tea tasting.

(b) The Tea Adviser in Australia, in view of his experience as a practical planter is conversant with tea tasting. The Tea Advisers in Egypt and the U.S.A. spent some time with brokers and tea tasters in Calcutta as part of their training before their departure overseas.

(c) The Director of Tea Development has long experience of management and production in tea estates and has been associated with the Tea Industry for nearly 30 years.

(d) Export of Indian tea to the West Germany and other West European countries had been as follows:—

	1958	1959
(In million lbs.)		
West Germany	4.3	5.6
Other West European countries (except U.K. and Ireland)	3.2	3.8
TOTAL	7.5	9.4

(e) The amounts spent on export promotion drive in the West European countries during the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 were Rs. 5.02 lakhs, Rs. 3.50 lakhs and Rs. 3.50 lakhs respectively.

**SHRI BIREN ROY:** In the Statement, Sir, some mention has been made about the Director of Tea Development. Now, Sir, will the hon. Minister be kind enough to say how such a person is also an expert in tea-tasting, when tea-tasters are specially allotted in this branch, where tea is marketed?

**SHRI N. KANUNGO:** Sir, for tea-promotion officers located in various places tea-tasting qualification is not necessary, simply for the reason that tea-tasters are highly specialised persons and their qualifications are mostly confined to a particular branch of production. All men required for these places are supposed to have sufficient knowledge and experience of developing markets.

**SHRI BIREN ROY:** Sir, the point is this that you have stated . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Put a question.

**SHRI BIREN ROY:** All right, Sir. He wants only marketing and not tea-tasting, but unless that tea is properly tasted, it cannot be well marketed. Now, Sir, it will be seen from this Statement that the export of Indian tea to West Germany has been raised from 4.3 million pounds in 1958 to 5.6 million pounds in 1959. Shall I take it that all this tea is directly exported from India to West Germany or is it exported through diversified channels, for example, England?

**SHRI N. KANUNGO:** Sir, this figure shows direct exports from India. Of course, there are other purchases from the London market also.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** I cannot understand what all these things are—tea-tasting, tea-testing specialised professions and all that. Next question.

लंका की नौसेना तथा भारतीय मछुओं के बीच  
भिड़ंत

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          { श्री जसवन्त सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान ६ मई १९६० के स्टेट्समैन के दिल्ली संस्करण में प्रकाशित इस समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है कि भारत तथा उत्तरी लंका के मध्य स्थित कच्छ थिवु टापू पर लंका की नौसेना तथा भारतीय मछुओं में भिड़न्त हो गई ; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो उस घटना का विवरण क्या है ?

†[CLASH BETWEEN THE CEYLON'S NAVAL FORCES AND INDIAN FISHERMEN

\*313. { SHRI NAWAB SINGH  
          { CHAUHAN‡:  
          { SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the *Statesman*, Delhi edition of the 6th May, 1960, that Ceylon's Naval Forces clashed with Indian fishermen on Katcha Thivu Island situated between India and Northern Ceylon; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the incident?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). Government have seen the report. The facts are as follows: Some harassment was

† [ ] English translation.

‡The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Nawab Singh Chauhan.