

श्री एन० कानूनगो अब भी जो बन्द मिलें हैं उनके बारे में नहीं कह सकता। लेकिन जांच में यह मालूम हुआ है कि करीब ४० मिलें अभी नहीं चल सकती हैं।

I may add that a Working Party is studying the problem and they will be able to tell us definitely how many mills it is not possible for them to revive.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो ४० मिलें आपने ऐसी बताईं जिनके चालू होने की आशा नहीं है, क्या उनके मालिकों को गवर्नमेंट की ओर से कोई ऐसी सलाह दी गई है जिससे वे उनका कोई दूसरा उपयोग कर सकें ?

श्री एन० कानूनगो : जो नहीं चल सकती हैं, उनका लाइसेंस रीनल किया जायेगा और उनकी जगह दूसरा लाइसेंस दिया जायेगा।

#### ANALYSIS OF SALT BITTERNs AT SAMBHAR

\*397. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether any steps are being taken by Government to analyse the various constituents of the salt bitterns at Sambhar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): Yes, Sir. The Sambhar bitterns have already been analysed, and proposals for recovery of sodium sulphate from the bitterns are under consideration.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what the main ingredients of the salt bitterns at Sambhar are?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate and sodium sulphate.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any experiments have been made to recover sodium chloride by chemical means?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Sodium chloride is already being recovered at the moment, which is called common salt.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know if it is possible to recover sodium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate also at rates cheaper than they are available in the market?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Actually the bitterns of the mother liquor are being wasted. Our effort is to recover everything, and the new plants that are being installed will have both globe salt and soda ash.

#### FALL IN THE EXPORT OF TEA

\*398. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of tea have fallen considerably in the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Tea Board has suggested any measures to boost up the exports; if so, what are those measures?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) Exports of tea fluctuate from year to year. The quantity exported during 1959 was lower than quantities exported during 1956 and 1958 but higher than quantities exported during 1955 and 1957. There is no firm trend to show that our exports are declining.

(b) The fall occurred mostly in the earlier months of 1959, due to accumulation of stocks in the U.K. and non-availability of sufficient stocks of quality teas which are popular in foreign markets.

(c) Tea Promotion Officers have recently been posted at Cairo and Sydney. Certain proposals to promote the cause of Indian tea in Europe and America are under consideration.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या आप कृपा कर के बता सकते हैं कि पिछले दो साल के एक्सपोर्ट फिगरम क्या हैं ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : १९५७ में ४४० मिलियन पाँड, १९५८ में ५०६ मिलियन पाँड और १९५९ में ४७२ मिलियन पाँड ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या आप कृपा कर के बता सकते हैं कि कौन कौन से देशों का एक्सपोर्ट कम हुआ है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मुख्यतः तो इस साल इंग्लैंड का कम निर्यात हुआ और उसके अलावा थोड़ी बहुत कमी ईरान, ईजिप्ट, आस्ट्रेलिया, अमेरिका और कॅनाडा के; एक्सपोर्ट में भी हुई ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मंत्री महोदय कृपा कर के बतायेंगे कि अफगानिस्तान को जॉ ब्लैक टी जाती थी वह अभी भी जा रही है या नहीं ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : अफगानिस्तान को ब्लैक टी कम जाती थी, वहाँ ग्रीन टी जाती थी और वह अब भी जाती है लेकिन पहले से कुछ कम जाती है, क्योंकि अफगानिस्तान ने इसे चीन से भी लेना शुरू कर दिया है । अफगानिस्तान में ज्यादातर ग्रीन टी पी जाती है, ब्लैक टी नहीं ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that certain British concerns like Messrs. Jardine Henderson in Calcutta are exporting tea and selling it in certain countries like the United Kingdom, Canada, etc., at prices higher than those shown in the papers here, and that they are using some dummy Indian firms to evade income tax and other obligations, and whether in this connection any order was passed by the Government for investigation of the affairs of Messrs. Jardine Henderson or other associate firms?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I have no information. If the hon. Member has some information, he can pass it on to the Company Law Administration.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether in view of these things—these are sometimes criticised in the papers—the Finance Ministry has given any instructions to the Customs authorities with regard to this and other firms, and whether the Customs authorities have made over the matter to the police and the police have carried out certain searches in Calcutta?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The question should be addressed to the Finance Ministry.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: The Minister has said that tea exports are fluctuating from year to year. Is the Government in a position to tell us if our exports of tea to all countries show an upward trend or not, because in order to strengthen our foreign exchange we have been exerting ourselves for promoting our exports? I want to know whether the commodity has registered an increase in export or not. If not, what steps are Government taking to promote export?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Tea exports have been increasing over a number of years. The general trend is towards increase, but what happens is this. When I see the figures for the last ten years, I find that there is always more export in one year followed by comparatively less export next year. But the combined exports for 1958 and 1959 are more than the combined exports for 1956 and 1957. So, there is no definite trend towards firm decline in exports.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Is it a fact that the United Kingdom is importing more and more tea from South Africa with the result that our exports to the United Kingdom are falling?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** It is true that some new plantations have come up in South Africa, and the United Kingdom is importing tea from there. We are also finding new markets for our teas. So, all these things balance each other.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** May I know whether it is not a fact that some time back all the tea producing countries entered into some sort of overseas association to promote tea exports, and whether it is a fact that because of that association tea export from India is decreasing?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** There are Tea Councils in the U.S.A., Canada, West Germany and Ireland, in which we participate along with the other tea producing countries like Ceylon and Indonesia. The purpose of those Tea Councils is to promote tea drinking habit and not to propagate in favour of tea from a particular country.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** May I know whether the Government is aware that certain British firms in Calcutta—please do not ask me to give the names, I am in possession of photostat copies—are using their London offices for trade outside the Commonwealth countries with a view to getting the differences between the prices here and the actual prices at which teas are sold outside the overseas market?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** I should be thankful if Mr. Bhupesh Gupta will pass on that information to us. We will keep it absolutely confidential, but we should know who they are.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** I will, and I am very grateful. Last year in the Budget session also I pointed out certain things.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Question now.

**SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** During the last Budget Session I referred to a similar subject and brought similar mat-

ters to their notice. May I know what steps the Government have taken after I had stated them on the floor of the House?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** I am sorry that that matter has not come to our notice.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** This time, if he sends it to you.

### आर्गनाइजेशन एण्ड मेथड्स डिवीजन

\*३९६. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आर्गनाइजेशन एण्ड मेथड्स डिवीजन, जिसे लगभग छः साल कार्य करते हो गये हैं, अभी सम्भवतः और कुछ सालों तक अपना काम जारी रखने वाला है; और

(ख) इस डिवीजन के कार्य में क्या कोई नुमायां तरक्की पाई गयी है ?

†[ORGANISATION AND METHODS DIVISION

\*399. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Organisation and Methods Division which has been functioning for the last six years, is likely to continue for a few years more; and

(b) whether any tangible improvement has been found on account of the work done by this Division?]

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†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.]

श्री राम सहाय : उत्तर से ऐसा मालूम होता है कि इसके कार्य में बहुत कुछ सुधार हुआ है, तो क्या गवर्नमेंट का इसको कुछ

† [ ] English translation.