

DR. A. N. BOSE: Sir, we want the original answer to be repeated.

MR. CHAIRMAN: "No Sir. We are not aware of any such request."

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: May I answer the supplementary?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जी हां, कभी कभी ऐसा पूछने का मौका मिला है और उसके अजीब-अजीब जवाब मिले हैं जिनके कुछ माने नहीं थे ।

*268. [The questioner (Shri Bhwpesh Gupta) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1657-58 infra.]

CENTRAL SALT BOARD

*269. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to form a Central Salt Board; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) A Central Advisory Board for Salt, which was originally constituted in October, 1954, has been in existence since then. The Salt Committee appointed by the Government of India in January, 1958, to consider certain matters connected with the development of the salt industry has, in their report, submitted to Government recently, recommended the setting up of an autonomous Central Salt Board for sanctioning and executing schemes relating to development works of the Salt Department and for being entrusted with the responsibility for welfare schemes for salt labour as also for

the grant of financial help in the form of loans to salt manufacturers.

(b) The Salt Committee's recommendation is under consideration, and It is hoped that a final decision will be reached in the matter shortly.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know how many salt research laboratories are working in the country at present?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: For the present there are two. One is at Bhavnagar. The other place where some work was being done was at Jaipur.

आचार्य रघुवीर : समाचार पत्रों में अभी जो एक समाचार निकला था कि कांगड़ा में नमक की खानों का पता लगा है जिनमें नमक इतना अधिक है जितना खेवरा की खानों नहीं है, क्या शासन उसके संबंध में कुछ सूचना देगा ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : जी हां, वहां आजकल जांच-पड़ताल हो रही है और अन्दाजा यह है कि वहां अच्छी क्वांटिटी में नमक मिलेगा ।

مولانا ایم - قادری : کیا آنریبل منسٹر یہ بتائیں گے کہ یہ سالٹ بورڈ بنانے کی کیا غرض ہے -

†[मौलाना एम० फारूकी : क्या आन-रेबल मिनिस्टर यह बतायेंगे कि यह साल्ट बोर्ड बनाने की क्या गरज है ?]

श्री मनुभाई शाह : बात यह थी कि कमेटी ने यह देखा कि साल्ट बहुत ही उपयोगी चीज है, इस लिये जैसे और कमाडिटीज के लिये बोर्ड हैं वैसे ही अगर साल्ट इंडस्ट्री के लिये बोर्ड बना दिया जाय तो इसकी बहुत जल्दी तरक्की हो सकती है ।

†[] Hindi transliteration.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آلریبل منسٹرو
کو اس کی اطلاع ہے کہ بمبئی پراونس
میں جو سالٹ بنتا ہے اس کے لیجانے
کے لئے ویٹنگس کی گئی دقتیں پیش
آئی ہیں -

†[**مولانا ام० فاروقی :** क्या आन-
रेबिल मिनिस्टर को इसको इत्तिला है कि
बम्बई प्राविस में जो साल्ट बनता है उसके ले
जाने के लिये वैगनों की काफी दिक्कतें पेश
आती हैं ?]

श्री मनुभाई शाह : कुछ महीने पहले ऐसी
दिक्कत हुई थी क्योंकि प्रोडक्शन ज्यादा हो
गया था । फिलहाल कोई ऐसी दिक्कत नहीं
है । अगर आनरेबिल मेम्बर साहब को किसी
ऐसी दिक्कत का पता है और वे हमें बतायें,
तो हम उसके बारे में जवाब देंगे ।

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: What is the
function of this Board?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The Board is
supposed to be in charge of the entire salt
development like all other commodity Boards.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why do you say
"supposed to be"?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: It is not yet
formed. It is going to be constituted. If it is
constituted, this is perhaps going to be its
function.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : हिमाचल प्रदेश
में मंडी के स्थान पर जो राक साल्ट की खोज
हो रही थी, उसमें क्या आपको कुछ साल्ट
का पता चला है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यही तो कहा है कि
मंडी एरिया में एक्सपेरिमेंट्स किये जा रहे हैं
और कांटेक्ट भी दिया गया है । काफी गहराई
में गये हैं । ऐसी आशा की जाती है कि वहां
बहुत अच्छी खानें हमको मिल जायेंगी ।

†[] Hindi transliteration.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know
whether it has come to the knowledge of the
hon. Minister that full facilities are not being
given to the Jaipur laboratory for work in salt
research?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No such,
complaints have been received, and! the
C.S.I.R. and our Ministry are trying to give as
much facilities as possible for all research not
only there but in the Universities wherever
research is being done. As a matter of fact the
National Chemical Laboratory is conducting
several experiments on. salt.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM
CHETTIAR: Since there is a great deal of
competition in the South— Vedaranyam and
Tuticorin and other areas—may I know
whether in the composition of this
Board proper representation will be given to
these interests?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: These are all
very compact Boards. No proportional or
regional representation will be there, but
expert people will be represented on the
Board.

CHIKS FOR M P. BUNGALOWS

*270. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the
Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be
pleased to state whether it is a fact that chiks
at a cost of about Rs. 400.00 are being
provided in each W. P. bungalow as scale
furniture? If so, what is the total. supply
estimate of these chiks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER *or* WORKS,
HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K.
CHANDA): Yes, Sir. The cost of providing
chiks in 119" M. P. bungalows was estimated
at Rs. 47,800/-; the actual cost incurred,
however, was Rs. 36,000/-, i. e., about Rs.
303/- per bungalow.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know
from when chiks are being provided as scale
furniture, under