

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 हा, कभी कभी ऐसा पूछने का मौका मिला है और उसके अजीब-अजीब जवाब मिले हैं जिनके कुछ माने नहीं थे ।

*268. [The questioner (Shri Bhupesh 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 हा, वहां आजकल जांच-पड़ताल हो रही है और अन्दाजा यह है कि वहां अच्छी क्वांटिटी में नमक मिलेगा ।

مولانا ایم - قاروقی : کیا آنریبل

منسٹر یہ بتائیں گے کہ یہ سالٹ بورڈ

بنانے کی کیا غرض ہے -

†[**मौलाना एम० फारूकी :** क्या आन-रेबिल 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 कमांडिटीज के लिये बोर्ड हैं वैसे ही अगर साल्ट इंडस्ट्री के लिये बोर्ड बना दिया जाय तो इसकी बहुत जल्दी तरक्की हो सकती है ।

मौलाना अयम - فاروقی : کیا آرہیل منسٹر کو اس کی اطلاع ہے کہ بمبئی پورانس میں جو سالٹ بلتا ہے اس کے لیجانے کے لئے ویکنلس کی کافی دقتیں پیش آئی ہیں -

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : क्या आनरेबिल मिनिस्टर को इसकी इत्तिहा है कि बम्बई प्रॉविंस में जो साल्ट बनता है उसके ले जाने के लिये वेंगनों 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 M. P. bungalow as scale furniture? If so, what is the total supply estimate of these chiks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF 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