

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I am afraid the hon. Minister has not properly appraised the situation possibly. There are two proposals put forward. One of them was that this was to be taken up on the agenda of Economic Committee and another was about the international trade conference. That is already on the agenda, so far as the newspaper reports are concerned. We want to know what progress was made at both the levels, and what is the reaction of the Government on them.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It has been decided to hold a preparatory conference sometime early in 1963 to discuss the broad outlines of this conference.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In case we participate in this conference, may I know whether the availability of the basic raw materials that we need very badly for some of the industries will be kept in view?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: These are details which have to be considered later.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: We are the participants in the conference which is going to be held?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): This is a world trade conference to be called under the auspices of the United Nations under the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade. All the countries of the world will participate with a particular focus on allowing larger exports from the under-developed countries to the markets of the developed countries.

Report of Mahalanobis Committee

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Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Morarka:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Tan Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Bade:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Report of the Mahalanobis Committee has been submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether the report which has appeared in the *Statesman* just a while ago is correct? The report is to the effect that there is little scope for any diminution in the concentration of wealth and economic power in the hands of a few persons. That is reported to be one of the conclusions of the Mahalanobis Committee.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: It is the third term of reference: to ascertain the extent to which the operation of the economic system has resulted in concentration of wealth and means of production. That is one of the points of reference. The revised draft is being considered. There are so much of data collected and they have to examine the report. After consideration, the final report, I think, will be available on or about the 10th November.

Shri Bade: May I know whether the Committee will send an interim report if not the final report?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): We have not received the report. I have not seen it. How can I answer the question?

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: It appeared in the press. The conclusions are reported in the press.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know how the press can get hold of this. That is a different question. So far as I understand, it has not yet been finalised. Certainly I have not seen that part of the report yet.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The committee has asked for more powers like examining the evidence and also the books of the different firms to arrive at the correct conclusion. May I know whether the Government is considering giving those powers?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: I have already said the terms of reference are wide enough. They have the powers and they have been collecting data. There is already a revised draft before them and that draft is being considered.

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): I might add that the committee asked for a certain extension of the scope of its work in relation to the study of the question of concentration of economic power. That extension has been given.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know if the Minister of Planning is in touch with this committee and if so, whether he will be able to tell us why it is not possible for this committee to have made any recommendation or even an interim report even though it is more than two years?

Shri Nanda: I am certainly in touch with the Chairman of the committee. I know that the committee had some kind of a draft before it. I think nothing is being lost by the fact that the committee is trying to make its work on the statistical and other sides much better than it would otherwise be. That committee's report should be very shortly in our hands.

Shri Basumatari: May I know the terms of reference of the committee?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: The terms of reference are:

- (i) to review changes in levels of living during the first and second Five Year Plans,
- (ii) to study recent trends in the distribution of income and wealth and in particular
- (iii) to ascertain the extent to which the operation of the economic system has resulted in concentration of wealth and means of production.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know by what time Government will be in a position to let the country know what the conclusions of the committee are?

Shri Nanda: By the end of the current month we are likely to have something from them.

श्री विभूति मिश्र: क्या यह सही है कि १९५२ में जिन्होंने सी रुपया इनवैस्ट किया था उनको साढ़े तीन सौ रुपये का मुनाफा मिला और जब यह कमेटी उनके यहां जाती है तो पूरा प्रांकड़ा मिलने में उसको कठिनाई होती है, इसलिए दो बरस का समय लग गया है ?

Shri Nanda: I do not think it arises out of this question.

Central Drug Re-control Institute

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Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Basumatari: ○

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any progress has been made towards the setting up of a Central Drug Recontrol Institute to recheck the quality of drugs produced by the public sector units?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): The matter is still under consideration.