

Shri Kanungo: Of course, it has involved a little expenditure. I could not give him the exact figure. There were certain cells which have been expanded. It did not mean exactly new expenditure, but enhancement of the existing expenditure.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the organisation has been fully manned, and if so, the total strength of the workers or officers engaged in this task?

Shri Kanungo: It is not fully manned yet. It is in the process of being manned.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether this organisation will make an attempt to find out what commodities which are manufactured in India and are in surplus will be able to find markets in foreign countries, and for that may I know whether any direction in this respect is to be given to this organisation by the Government?

Shri Kanungo: That is exactly the function of the organisation. No direction is necessary.

Shri Basappa: May I know the increase in the export of jute and cotton textiles to Soviet Russia, the East European countries, Canada and Australia?

Shri Kanungo: I have replied to the main question that it is too early to assess anything.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Are the Government taking steps to see to it that the commodity exported conforms to the samples?

Shri Kanungo: That is one of the functions of the Export Directorate.

Shri Morarka: May I know why this Directorate was set up so late as August, 1957 and not earlier?

Shri Kanungo: Because we felt that additional efforts were necessary.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: Has there been any increase in the quantum of exports after the setting up of this directorate?

Shri Kanungo: I have replied that it is too early to assess it.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: May I know the relationship between this directorate and the Export Promotion Council?

Shri Kanungo: It is one of liaison.

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Shri N. R. Munisamy:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Goa Radio broadcast of the 27th September, 1957, in which it has been officially stated that the Dabhal Bridge and Dabhal Chokie (Dam) incidents have been engineered by the Indians; and

(b) if so, whether there is any truth in the allegation?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes.

(b) No. The Government of India have nothing to do with these incidents occurring in the Portuguese possessions in India.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Is it true that a large number of Portuguese troops have arrived in Daman and military preparations are going on there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Yes, Sir. It is true.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know whether any report has been received from our foreign embassies regarding the reactions of the countries where this propoganda has been made against India?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That does not arise out of this question.