

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: What sort of complaints have been received by this committee regarding the defects of the propaganda machinery as it exists at present?

Shri Satish Chandra: This departmental committee has not been set up as a result of complaints received from other quarters. It has been set up by the Ministry itself in order to see whether the money that is being spent on the propaganda activities can be utilised in a better manner.

Shri C D Pande: May I know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the shrinkage in the foreign market of our tea is not due to the lack of market as such but due to lack of competitive price of our tea? So, what steps are being taken for making the price of our tea competitive compared to those of other tea-growing countries?

Shri Satish Chandra: The presumption of the hon Member that there is shrinkage in the export of our tea is not correct. We have exported more tea during 1958 as compared to 1957 and have earned more foreign exchange.

Shri C. D. Pande: What I wanted to say was this. There are more competitors on account of their cheaper price and we have to compete with them. Thus, it is lack of competitive price rather than the lack of market.

Shri Satish Chandra: It is true that the production of tea is increasing in the world and the consumption which is also gradually increasing does not keep pace with the increased production. Therefore, there has been a general decline in prices for all qualities all over the world.

श्री भक्त दर्शन क्या यह सत्य है कि भारत में जिन ने प्रकार की चाय पैदा होती है, उस में से हरी चाय का बाजार ज्यादा खत्म हो रहा है और उस के स्टॉक देहरादून, गढ़वाल और मल्होडा में रुके हुए हैं और क्या इस कमेटी को खास तौर से यह हिदायत दी

जा रही है कि वह इन के बारे में मोचे और कोई उपाय निकाने ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र हरी चाय, थोड़ी सी हिन्दुस्तान में पैदा होती है—कांगडा और देहरादून में

श्री च० द० पंडे मल्होडा में भी होती है।

श्री सतीश चन्द्र वह ग्राम तौर पर अफगानिस्तान जाती थी, लेकिन वहाँ भी लोग अब काली चाय ज्यादा पसन्द करने लगे हैं। चाइना और उम में मिने हुए इलाकी से भी उस को चाय मिलने लगी है। उस बात पर बराबर गौर हो रहा है।

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know what the committee proposes to do to popularise Indian tea in countries where tea is not so popular—countries such as Saudi Arabia?

Shri Satish Chandra: Tea is consumed in Saudi Arabia and we have been exporting it. But the consumption in Saudi Arabia is small because the population of that country is also small.

Radio-Active Fall-Out

*1249. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 215 on the 25th November, 1958 and state whether regular work of analysing concentration of the radio-active fall-out (Strontium 90) in the bone structure of the population in the country has been started?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): Yes. A statement showing the results of the recent sample survey to find out the concentration of Strontium-90 in human bone is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No 27].

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this sample survey which is confined to Bombay at present will be extended to some other cities in India?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): So far as I know some kind of tests are being made in various parts but the real full-scale thorough tests are at present made only at Trombay because it requires equipment, etc. that are available there.

Shri D. C. Sharma: In the statement it is said that the data available is not very adequate. May I know if more efforts will be made to make the data more adequate so that the survey becomes more reliable?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think the statement says that the data is not adequate. They are not wide-spread; they are not taken from all over India. These results are based on the analysis of bones obtained from the Bombay hospitals during December, 1958. There is the difficulty of obtaining samples for this purpose. It is not easy to obtain bones for this purpose. But they are obtained and I think the data is sufficient for that particular purpose.

Dr Melkote: Though radio-active substances may be wide-spread in the atmosphere, is it necessary to locate different centres at different places in order to analyse it?

Mr. Speaker: He is a doctor and he is in a better position to say that.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes, Sir. Thank you for the answer.

Lock-outs in Kolar Gold Mines

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 *1251. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Bose:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lock-out has been declared in three mines in the Kolar Gold Field;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to re-open the mines?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) No. There was a lock-out only in Nundydroog mine from the 19th January, 1959, which was lifted on the 27th January, 1959.

(b) 'Go-slow' tactics adopted by the workers and violence used by them against an Officer of the mine.

(c) Officers of the Industrial Relations Machinery intervened and on an assurance from the President of the Nundydroog Mines Labour Association of the disapproval of indiscipline and violence, the mine was re-opened on 27-1-1959.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact and it has been brought to the notice of the Government that this particular officer's behaviour was extremely bad in that particular mine; if so, what action has been taken to remove that officer?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I am not aware of it.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: He is aware that the workers were after the officer, but he is not aware whether the officer was after the workers.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member is both a Member and a Minister! He puts a question to the ministerial side, and an answer has been given. If he does not agree, he does not agree, that is all.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know the amount of loss incurred by the 'go-slow' tactics adopted by the workers during this period?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I require notice.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the workers have been paid wages for the lock-out period?

Shri L. N. Mishra: No, Sir.