

Sholapur known as Juni Mill has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) whether it is likely that the management will declare lock-out; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether Government are going to take the mill in possession?

Shri Kanungo: No.

Air Space Violations

*1395. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 480 on the 30th May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Government has given any reply to the protest made by India in regard to air space violations; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Not so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri D. C. Sharma: How long have we to wait before we get a reply from the Pakistan Government, and has any reminder been sent to them to this effect?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): How long are we to wait? I suppose we have to wait as long as it does not come.

Nuclear Test on Christmas Island

*1396. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether after-effects of an H. bomb test at Christmas Island by

the British Government have been observed and studied by any Indian scientists at official or non-official level;

(b) if so, whether results of such observation and study are available; and

(c) the important findings of such study?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a), (b) and (c). The increase in the radioactivity of the air on 4th, 9th and 10th June at Bombay and 15th June at Delhi, was about 3 to 4 times the average during the month. This may be due to the test explosions at Christmas Island.

No adverse effects are likely so long as the level of radioactivity prescribed as harmful is not reached. According to the presently accepted standards of safe radiation levels, radioactivity so far produced is much below the danger level.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the agency through which this examination was made and results obtained?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: This was made at the Atomic Energy Establishment in Trombay near Bombay.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether we have received any reaction to the Resolution that this House passed last session protesting against nuclear and thermo-nuclear explosions in the Pacific area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir; we have received nothing.

Shri Mohamed Imam: It was reported sometime ago that they had a red rain somewhere in Malabar and the redness was due to radio-activity. Have Government made any investigation about this?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. The redness may be caused by many reasons, not necessarily radio-activity.