

Shri M. C. Shah: It is not possible; it will take time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

VALUE OF CIGARETTES CONSUMED

*1019. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total value of cigarettes consumed in India during 1952-53?

(b) What is the value of the cigarettes manufactured in India during this period?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) Statistics of consumption are not available, but based on the quantity of cigarettes cleared from the Factories and the quantities imported from abroad, it is estimated that the total value of the cigarettes consumed in India during 1952-53 was Rs. 28.05 crores exclusive of duty and Rs. 35.50 crores inclusive of duty.

(b) The ex-duty value of cigarettes manufactured in India during 1952-53 was Rs. 30.24 crores and the cum-duty value of the same was Rs. 37.59 crores.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know how many foreign firms are there in India that manufacture cigarettes? Do the Government of India or the people of India have any share in these firms?

Shri A. C. Guha: I have got with me the names of the companies that manufacture cigarettes. I think the Imperial Tobacco company is mostly financed by non-Indians and is also managed by non-Indian personnel. There are other companies. It is not possible for me to give a break up of the share capital of these companies. The other companies are: the Jubilee Cigarette Factory, Vazir Sultan Tobacco Company, National Tobacco Company and Godfrey Phillips.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know what is the proportion between the foreign firms and Indian firms so far

as the manufacture of cigarettes is concerned?

Shri A. C. Guha: As I have already stated, it is not possible for me to say. That question may be directed to the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: In view of the increasing consumption of cigarettes, is it in the contemplation of the Government to pass an Act preventing juvenile smoking?

Shri A. C. Guha: That question may be directed to the Health Ministry.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास: सन् १९५२-५३ में जो सिगरेट बाहर से इस देश में आई वे उस के पहले जो दो साल तक आई थीं, उन से ज्यादा थीं या कम थीं ?

Shri A. C. Guha: I think the quantity imported in 1950-51 was 49 million cigarettes; in 1951-52, 34 million cigarettes, and in 1952-53, 34 million cigarettes.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलायेंगे कि विदेशी सिगरेट बनाने वाली कम्पनियों के कारण क्या यहां के जो सिगरेट बनाने वाले हैं उन का व्यापार दिन पर दिन गिरता जा रहा है और यदि हां तो उस को रोकने के लिये क्या सरकार कोई व्यवस्था करने का विचार कर रही है ?

Shri A. C. Guha: I think from the figures available with me I can say this: The greatest foreign company is the Imperial Tobacco company. Its percentage of production has been going down every year. In 1950-51, its percentage of production was 69 per cent.; in 1951-52, it was 62 per cent. and in 1952-53 it was 55 per cent. So, it may be presumed that the other companies being mostly Indian companies, their percentage of production has been increasing.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I take it that this does not include biri? Can

he give us an idea of the consumption of biri in India?

Shri A. C. Guha: Biri is not included. I have not got the figures for Biri.

श्री टी० एन० सिंह: मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि इन कम्पनियों को बाहर रुपया भेजने का या रेमिटेंस करने का जो अधिकार है, इस पर कोई प्रतिबन्ध है या वे जितना चाहें उतना रुपया अपने प्राफिट में से बाहर भेज सकती हैं ?

Shri A. C. Guha: I think that is regulated by our Foreign capital policy of 1949.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether any cigarettes were manufactured in Andhra where large quantities of Virginia tobacco is produced?

Shri A. C. Guha: I have no figures statewide.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether the hon. Minister is in a position to give a comparative idea whether the consumption of cigarettes or biris is increasing in the country?

Shri A. C. Guha: I would like to have notice.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: In view of the heavy consumption of cigarettes in the country, has Government any scheme of encouraging the indigenous manufacture of biri?

Shri A. C. Guha: That is already being manufactured on a large scale.

श्री एस० एल० द्विवेदी: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि भारतीय सिगरेट को क्या कोई प्रोटेक्शन दे रखा है ? यदि नहीं दे रखा है, तो इस का क्या कारण है ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We are not taking up the whole of the Finance Ministry.

Shri A. C. Guha: There is a heavy import duty on foreign cigarettes. I

think a very negligible part of the cigarettes consumed in India is of foreign make.

Shri C. D. Pande: Negligible! It is Rs. 30 crores.

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): Including duty.

Dr. M. M. Das: What is the rate of import duty that has been imposed upon the import of cigarettes? Is there any difference between the rate of duty imposed on cigarettes and tobacco?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Minister need not answer this question. The hon. Member can look into the Tariff Act, First Schedule. What is the meaning of spending the time of the House on this? Next question.

YOUTH CAMPS AND LABOUR SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

***1020. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Five Year Plan provides Rupees one crore for assistance by the Central Government for youth camps and labour service for students;

(b) if so, whether any programme has been drawn up for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what programme has been drawn up in different States?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) A programme for the purpose is being drawn up in consultation with all concerned.

(c) Necessary information is awaited from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Dabhi: When is the programme likely to be drawn up?

Shri A. P. Jain: Very soon.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: Since six months in the year have already passed, and sanction must be given if it is to be implemented in this year, may we know how much is expected to be spent this year?