

ca. For example, recently, we have had an agreement with Iran for intake of tea, and with Iraq also for intake of tea. These are the efforts.

**Shri Fanigrahi:** How many delegations have gone?

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether in spite of the very heavy and costly propaganda being carried on in USA, no improvement has been shown in the export of tea to that country?

**Shri Kanungo:** Judging from the standards of publicity in USA, our expenditure is not liberal. In any case, our exports to USA have not looked up or shown up much. As a matter of fact, the demand for tea in USA is not much more than that for coffee.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether because of the gradual popularity of 'Instant Tea', which contains a large percentage of Ceylon tea, there has been an adverse effect on our export of tea to that country?

**Shri Kanungo:** I do not think so. There, opinions have been expressed that 'Instant Tea' is having better response.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** May I know whether the money that the Tea Board has for publicity has been utilised, and if so, how much, in countries other than UK and USA for promoting the export of tea to those countries?

**Shri Kanungo:** I have not got the figures. They are in the annual report of the Tea Board, which has been placed on the Table of the House.

**Shrimati Masda Ahmed:** May I know whether Government will consider setting up a National Tea-Marketing Corporation to produce, blend and pack tea, just as Ceylon has set up recently?

**Shri Kanungo:** I am not sure about the Ceylon organisation, but we have

no such intention, because the normal channels are proving adequate.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether due to the high cost of production of India tea and that due to the high rates of fiscal duty, our teas are generally being priced out gradually from the export markets?

**Shri Kanungo:** That is a matter of opinion.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether Government are thinking of subsidising or assisting those tea gardens which want to modernise their machinery and improve the quality of their production?

**Shri Kanungo:** No, there is no idea of subsidising. But efforts are being made to provide credit for improving plantations.

#### International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia

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\*248. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
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Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the dissolution or of adjourning the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia has been considered or is being considered,

(b) if so, whether the opinion of the Government as a Chairman of the said Commission has been asked for or taken; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to such a proposal?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) There is at present no proposal to dissolve or adjourn the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia. The UK Government have made certain proposals to effect greater economy, to the Government of the USSR. These are under discussion between the two Co-Chairmen Governments.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know the grounds on which the suggestion has been made to adjourn or dissolve this commission in Cambodia?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** The answer is that there is no proposal for adjournment or suspension of this commission.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the *Hindu Standard*, that some suggestion was made by the British Government in this behalf with a view to have some economy, because the present work has been reduced?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** Yes, that is given in the main portion of the original answer, that certain proposals were made for effecting economy, and as a result, our delegate on the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia has been recalled, and his alternate will function there, many other economies also will be effected in course of time.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether any suggestion has been made or is being considered, that there should be one commission only instead of three in Indo-China?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** Yes, certain suggestions were made, and these are under consideration too.

**Shri Kodiyar:** May I know whether the views of the Government of Cambodia have been ascertained with regard to the proposal to effect economy or to reduce the personnel of the supervisory commission there?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** Yes, the Cambodian Government would wish the presence of the commission to be retained, although they would acquiesce in the decision of the principal members of the Geneva Conference. After all, the financial responsibility is that of the countries concerned, that is, the chairmen countries, and, therefore, they would abide by the decision of the co-Chairmen.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know the present strength of the Indian delegation in Indo-China, and how far it had been reduced?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** I have just now stated that we have taken the first step in reduction. I shall not be able to give the strength just now.

#### Rubber Tyre Manufacturing Plant in Kerala

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\*249 { **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:**  
**Shri Punnoose:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to establish a rubber tyre manufacturing plant in Kerala State,

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) when the factory is scheduled to start production?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The scheme is to be implemented with the technical collaboration of an American firm, on the terms approved by Government. It is proposed to issue capital to the extent of Rs 2 crores out of which Rs 10 lakhs will be invested by the American Collaborators. Capacity of the undertaking will be to manufacture 2,40,000 Nos. each of automobile tyres and tubes per annum.

(c) The factory is expected to go into production in July, 1962.

**Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** May I know the terms and conditions on which the profit is to be shared by the American collaborators and what royalty is going to be paid to them?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** These are matters under discussion, and till they are finally approved, I may not be able to disclose them. Of course, the approval is to be issued shortly, but they are just like ordinary terms.