

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether Government is aware that, according to the official bulletin of the Indian Central Jute Committee, the recent rise in our jute prices is due to excessive speculation in the raw jute market; and, if so, why was not Government able to take adequate steps in time to control this speculation?

Shri Kanungo: No. The forecast of the crop was badly belied; and, therefore, there was shortage.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know what happened to the proposal of establishing a jute bank so that the surplus of one year may be kept for the other years?

Shri Kanungo: There is hardly any surplus to be carried over.

Shri Raghunath Singh: What about the proposal for establishing a jute bank?

Mr. Speaker: There is no surplus and there can be no proposal.

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*१६ { से मन्त्र दर्शन :
को आतर :

क्या प्रवान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार को एक निमंत्रण मिलने पर भारत के संसद सदस्यों का एक दल हाल ही में सिक्किम और भूटान गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस दल में कौन-कौन संसद सदस्य गये थे ;

(ग) उस दल ने कौन कौन से स्थान और संस्थायें देखीं और किन-किन प्रमुख व्यक्तियों के साथ भेंट की ; और

(घ) इस यात्रा के फलस्वरूप अपने अनुभव के आधार पर इस दल ने भारत सरकार को क्या रिपोर्ट दी है ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh, Leader, 2 Sh. Yadav Narayan Yadav, 3. Sh. T. Manaan, 4. Sh. Nek Ram Negi, and 5. Sh. R. S. Panjhzari.

(c) The delegation spent 2 days in Sikkim beginning 12th May, 1960 and 17 days in Bhutan. In Sikkim, they met the Maharaja, the Maharajkumar and the Dewan of Sikkim. They visited the local hospital, the Fruit Preservation Factory, the Rongni Chhu Hydel Station, the Government Farm, the Technical Institute and the Institute of Tibetology.

In Bhutan they met the Maharaja, the Prime Minister and Members of the Bhutanese Assembly. They visited the Fruit Preservation Factory, Hospitals, Schools, monasteries and the road to Paro which is being constructed with the help of the Government of India.

(d) The Delegation was not required to submit a report but the Leader has informally acquainted the Government with the general impressions received by the Members.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, क्या यह सत्य है कि इस प्रतिनिधि मंडल के सिक्किम और भूटान जाने से इन दोनों देशों और भारत के पिछले संबंध पहले से अच्छे हुए हैं और इसलिये क्या यह विचार किया जा रहा है कि सिक्किम और भूटान से कोई इस तरह का प्रतिनिधि मंडल भी भारत में आये ?

प्रवान मंत्री तथा वरिष्ठिक मन्त्रे भन्त्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : हमारे संबंध भूटान से तो बहुत ही अच्छे रहे हैं और इस प्रतिनिधि मंडल के जाने से शायद और भी उसमें अच्छाई पैदा हो। अब वहां से लौट तो आते जाते हैं और अभी पारसाल वहां से कुछ लोग आये थे और वहां से यदि और लोग आवें तो उनका हम जरूर स्वागत करेंगे।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, पिछले कुछ वर्षों से हम अर्थात् भारत सरकार सिविकम और भूटान को वहां के विकास कार्यों में सहायता देते रहे हैं, तो क्या उस प्रतिनिधि-मंडल की सिफारिशों के फलस्वरूप उस सहायता के परिमाण में कुछ वृद्धि की जा रही है और क्या यह सच है कि इस प्रतिनिधि मंडल के नेता ने यह सिफारिश की है कि वहां जो अनुदान दिये जा रहे हैं उनके लिये कोई ग्रीडिट की व्यवस्था की जाय ? क्या इस मंत्र में कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

श्री जवाहर लाल नेहरू : इस की निस्वतः मैं कुछ नहीं कह सकता। मेरे सामने उसकी सिफारिशें नहीं हैं, यूँ मैं ने उनको देखा है लेकिन उसकी तफसील मेरे सामने नहीं है।

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know how this team of Members of Parliament was selected? Whether it was by you or by some governmental process? If it was through some governmental process, why is it that the usual process of getting a nomination by the Speaker by-passed?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It may not be called a Parliamentary Delegation; and I could not, without enquiry, say precisely how it was selected.

Shri Assar: May I know whether it was a fact that the Government of Bhutan have complained to this delegation about the slow progress of the Jaldhaka scheme? If so, what are the reasons for the delay and what are the steps taken by Government for its speedy progress?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: How can I answer that question about a particular project?

Mr. Speaker: These are general visits.

Shri Assar: The Government of Bhutan has complained about the slow progress of this project....

Mr. Speaker: That does not arise out of the question.

Shri B. C. Kamble: May I know the purpose for which this delegation had gone there?

Mr. Speaker: You mean the purpose of the visit of this delegation?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Friendship and goodwill.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the marking on the Indian maps of the Bhutanese boundary with India and the clause of the Treaty—Indo-Bhutanese Treaty of 1949—guiding the Bhutanese Government in the matter of external affairs—were the two principal subjects that were discussed with the Parliamentary Delegation from here by the Prime Minister and the Members of the Assembly? If so, what was the trend of the discussion?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The hon. Member is—I may congratulate him—cleverly bringing in something irrelevant, something that has nothing to do with this question. I regret I cannot answer that question.

May I just say one thing about the selection of the team? I did not really know; but, when the matter came before me I did point out that every person selected should have some experience of mountaineering, should be able to breathe and live comfortably at an altitude of 14,000 or 15,000 ft., should be tough and should be able to ride a horse and a yak (*laughter*).

Shri Hem Barua: On a matter of personal explanation, Sir. The hon. Prime Minister was pleased to say that this was irrelevant. As a matter of fact, these were the two principal subjects, the marking of the Bhutanese boundary and the Treaty. It was reported in the newspapers from there.

Mr. Speaker: There is no question of personal explanation; as to whether a question is relevant or irrelevant, there is no personal explanation.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: They did not make any complaint regarding any matter. Neither the Maharaja

nor the Prime Minister or any responsible officer of Bhutan wanted to discuss these matters with us.

Public Sector Industries

- *17. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri B. Das Gupta:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been formed by the Central Government to formulate a workable scheme for direct investment by the people in Public Sector industries; and

(b) if so, the nature of its functions and the scope thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). A Study Group consisting of officials has been set up by the Planning Commission to examine the question of public participation in the capital of State enterprises. No formal terms of reference have been assigned to the Study Group but it is expected to examine this question in all its aspects.

श्री रामेश्वर टांटिया : क्या सरकार के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि जो नई कम्पनियाँ स्टार्ट हो रही हैं उनके संबंध में साधारण आदमियों की शेयर्स खरीदने की बहुत अधिक दरखास्तें आ रही हैं तो क्या सरकार ऐसे साधारण आदमियों को चांस देगी कि वह जो सरकार के पब्लिक सैक्टर के कारखाने हैं उनमें छोटे छोटे शेयर्स खरीद सकें ?

श्री ल० ना० मिश्र : यह जो कमेटी बनाई गई है और स्टडी ग्रुप बनाया गया है उसका संज्ञा यही है कि वह इस बात का पता लगाये कि लोग कितना अपना शेयर कैपिटल सञ्चारी काम में लगा सकते हैं ।

Shri Damani: May I know whether this investment will be allowed in the existing companies or in new companies?

Shri L. N. Mishra: The whole thing is under study; and we are expecting the report by the end of August.

Shri Tyagi: As we have read only in today's papers that Acharya Vinoba Bhave was of the opinion that he would run the Government without any taxation, I want to know whether this problem was also discussed by the Planning Commission?

Shri L. N. Mishra: This question does not refer to that.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: What is the extent of public participation that the proposals envisage?

Mr. Speaker: What is the extent of public participation envisaged? Is it the question? What is the question?

Shri Sadhan Gupta: I wanted to know the proportion of the capital that will be open for public participation?

Shri L. N. Mishra: These are under examination and study and it is difficult to say anything now.

Mr. Speaker: What is the percentage of the capital which the ordinary public would participate in?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Percentages are not laid down nor can be laid down.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
 QUESTIONS

Indians detained in Tibet

*11. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 5 on the 9th February, 1960 and state the extent of success achieved