

There has, therefore, been no gradual decline. Our exports to U.K. have depended on the condition of the U.K. market and the availability of export surpluses in India. In the current year in the first six months also the exports to U.K. are almost same as during similar period of last year.

Statement

(Value in Rs. Crores)

|                              | 1961-62 | 1962-63 |
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| Exports including re-Exports | 160.94  | 163.71  |

#### Import of Tea Manufacturing Machineries

418. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have approached the Central Government and the Tea Board for the import of tea manufacturing machineries from Japan to rehabilitate the dying tea industry of Kangra;

(b) if so, the number of such machineries which will be imported; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved and how much has been released for the purpose?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

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

12 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

#### REPORTED DAMAGE TO INDIAN EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD

Shri P. C. Borooah (Sibsagar): I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

The reported damage to Indian Embassy at Baghdad by shell-fire.

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Some very slight damage was caused to some glass panes etc. in the Indian Embassy.

It is known to the House that lately there was an uprising in Iraq which led to the assumption of complete control of Government by President Aref with the backing of the armed forces. Field Marshal Aref has become President and Supreme Commander of the armed forces.

The change in Government has been brought about by internal differences between the erstwhile ruling Ba'athist Party and the other political elements. The events leading to the change in Government in Iraq started on the 13th instant when Field Marshal Aref took over command and decided to disband the Ba'athist organised National Guards. Some fighting is reported to have taken place in the streets of Baghdad when army units from outside Baghdad marched into the city in support of President Aref. During the fighting between the National Guards and the Army, some casualties are reported to have taken place and some property damaged.

So far as our Embassy in Baghdad is concerned, it suffered some slight damage from stray bullets and glass panes were broken by flying shells. A shell hit the top floor of the Chancery building. The Ambassador and Embassy personnel, however, were not harmed, and according to reports, none of the Indians residing in Baghdad were affected.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether Government have claimed any compensation for this damage caused?

Mr. Speaker: Shri Kamath

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath** (Hoshangabad): On a point of clarification. Has our Ambassador in Baghdad been in touch with the Government, from hour to hour, and has the new Government expressed regret for this accidental damage to our Embassy and the residence of the Ambassador?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Our Ambassador is—I cannot definitely say whom he has seen—in touch with the Government all the time. The damage caused to our Embassy is so slight that it is not proper for us to make a fuss about it.

**Shri Hem Barua** (Gauhati): On a point of information, Our Ambassador was at the Chancery Building when this accidental firing took place. May we know if he is all right?—I am concerned about him because he was a Member here and is a friend of ours.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Shri Jashvant Mehta.

**Shri Jashvant Mehta** (Bhavanagar): May I know whether Government has information whether this firing was by the National Guards or by the Army side?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** When fighting takes place, it is between two parties, and both fire at each other.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti** (Dhanbad): What form of compensation is expected to be realised from them?

**Mr. Speaker:** Papers to be laid.

12.05 hrs.

RE. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT

**श्री रामसबक यादव** (वाराणसी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस ध्यान आकर्षण प्रश्न के बारे में

**Shri Ranga** (Chittoor): What has happened to all those adjournment motions which have been placed before you? I thought you were

examining them, and then you would take the House into confidence. I do not know what has happened.

**Mr. Speaker:** Which particular motion does he refer to? I will ask the office to inform him just now.

**Shri Ranga:** The adjournment motion in regard to drought conditions in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

**Mr. Speaker:** The other motion has been agreed to here, and there would be a general debate about the prices and the food situation with particular reference to prices and sugar. All these drought areas can also be covered by that. We have fixed two days simply on that account that all these matters might be taken up during that debate. It was decided in the Business Advisory Committee that all these things would be taken together. When time has been fixed for discussion on a particular subject, no adjournment motion or other notice can be taken up in anticipation.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty** (Barackpore): The discussion was specifically to discuss the question of the prices and sugar.

**Mr. Speaker:** With special reference to prices and sugar.

**Shri Ranga:** But there are drought conditions in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Thousands of cattle are dying and we are getting reports, and we would like to have a separate occasion for discussion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let us have the discussion and then see if there is need.

श्री रागड़ी (हिसार) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपने इस मोशन के लिये जो दो दिन बहस के लिये मंजूर किये हैं, उस के अन्दर सिर्फ चावल और गन्धम की बात आती है। लेकिन अकाल का जो प्रश्न है उस के अन्दर चारे की कमी और पानी की कमी की बिना पर जो पशु मरते हैं या इस वक्त जो भुखमरी की हालत है यह बातें आती हैं। यह सारी बातें जो मोशन आप ने मंजूर