

purchased spares for Rs. 4.61 lakhs in 1955-56, for Rs. 2.59 lakhs in 1956-57 and for Rs. 18,000 in 1957-58. So, the purchase of new spares has not been in excess of the requirements.

Shri Morarka: May I know why the spares concerning the Dakotas have been declared surplus when they are still being used for civilian and defence purposes?

Shri Mohiuddin: They are obsolete mostly.

Shri Morarka: May I know why they have been rendered obsolete? Is it that we received them in a defective condition or were they more than what we required and they had deteriorated in storage?

Shri Mohiuddin: I may mention that in 1954, when the airlines were nationalised we took over 74 dakotas with the spares. Here was a large quantity of spares that we got from the ex-companies and they have been there in the stock.

Mangalore Port

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- Shri Mohsin:
 - Shri D. C. Sharma:
 - *164. { Shri Warrior:
 - { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 - { Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any phased programme to construct all weather port at Mangalore has been made;

(b) whether the site has been chosen for the purpose;

(c) what is the estimated cost of construction; and

(d) whether it will provide facilities to transport oil, coal and such other things besides iron ore?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 35].

Shri Mohsin: What will be the period required for completing this construction?

Shri Bhagavati: Various dates have been given for the preliminary items, for the construction of breakwaters and shore protection works, etc.

Shri D. C. Sharma: In reply to part (b) of the question, it is *inter alia* stated that the final decision about the site will be arrived at after examination of the results of the laboratory analysis of the samples of the soil taken from the borings. This makes the whole phased programme ineffective because it appears that till this time the site of the port has not been determined. Therefore, I want to know when the site of the port will be determined because all this phased programme depends upon that.

Shri Bhagavati: For finally settling the site, steps have been taken. A Field Division under an Executive Engineer has been formed to carry the investigations quickly. On completion of these investigations, the site will be finally settled. That will not take much time.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What is the present capacity at present, and after the new construction, whether the road and rail facilities will also increase to some extent?

Shri Bhagavati: The railway will be constructed to take the iron ore from the ore-site to this site.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether it is a fact that most of the investigations have been completed and it is only a just a sort of verification? The site has been selected, and it is only a small final verification. I think, that remains.

Shri Bhagavati: It has been decided that the site will be on the North of the Netravati river; whether it will be at a distance of five miles or three miles is only to be settled. A distance of three miles is a sandy stretch; whether it is suitable site is

a matter to be investigated into. From the detailed investigation, it has been indicated that a site at a distance of about five miles on the North will be more suitable.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In view of the urgency for the development of this port for the purpose of the incoming and outgoing goods and passenger traffic and the development of the area roundabout it, may I know whether the Government will accelerate the completion of this port as early as possible?

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it a fact that there is no truth in certain press reports to the effect that after the happy liberation of Goa and its return to the motherland, the port already existing in Koa have halted or are likely to halt the progress of construction of Mangalore port?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): There is no substance in that press statement.

Accumulation of Fertilizers

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- *165. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Sundera Pal Singh:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Daji:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large stocks of Fertilisers have accumulated at the Nangal plant and at Rourkela; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to clear the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The Factory at Nangal is expected to provide storage for about 2 months' production. The maximum accumulated stock was 53,210 tonnes at the beginning of September 1962. Now on 2-11-62 the stock is 45,055 tonnes.

Rourkela has not gone into production so far.

(b) The State Agriculture Ministers and Departments of Agriculture were requested to lift the quotas. The price of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate was recently reduced by Rs. 32.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know why, even after the prices have been reduced, the States do not lift the quota? What is the reason?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I may inform the hon. Member and the House that two months ago we had announced that within two months we would see that all the calcium ammonium nitrate quota is lifted, and today I am happy to say that we have firm orders for 45,839 tonnes. The stock is only 45,055 tonnes now.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the rising demand for fertilisers in the country, may I know whether the Government have assessed by now that this non-lifting of the quota in time is due to some administrative failure, and whether better distribution system will be arranged by the Government?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Had the hon. Member followed my last reply, he would have paid a tribute to the administrative success.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: I followed it. (Interruption).

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: He has not understood it. We have got firm orders for 45,839 tonnes.

Shri K. C. Pant: Is it not a fact that the fertilisers which were to be manufactured at Nangal were earmarked for Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh but that the farmers in