

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 Goa 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

these States did not want these fertilisers, when they were manufactured, and that this was due to the failure of the Government to educate the farmers in the relative merits of calcium ammonium nitrate?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Again, I would like to tell the hon. Member that if he is prepared to peruse the figures for calcium ammonium nitrate that is utilised by Punjab, he would not put a question that way. Punjab has placed the order and it is going to lift immediately 12,838 tonnes and it is Punjab which is utilising that fertiliser in highest quantities.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: What is the estimated loss on account of the accumulation due to storage and its being charged and debited to the State Governments who fail to lift the quota in time?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: For the last two months, we did try to see that all the State Governments lift their quota and they have, by and large, lifted their quota. And on top of that, they are placing new orders which have enabled us to utilise the entire stock.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि डिमांड से ज्यादा हमारा प्रोडक्शन हो गया है, किसान उसे नहीं ले रहे हैं और इसलिये एक जगह से उठा कर दूसरी जगह उसे रक्खा जा रहा है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : ऐसी बात तो नहीं है बल्कि हम तो और ज्यादा फर्टिलाइजर्स का उत्पादन करना चाहते हैं और पिछले दो, तीन दिनों से हम लोग सोच रहे हैं कि ५० हजार टन फर्टिलाइजर्स हम दूसरे देशों से खरीदें क्योंकि सब्जी वगैरह लगाने के लिये फर्टिलाइजर्स की बहुत जरूरत पड़ती है ।

Shri P. C. Borooah: By what time the balance of the stock is likely to be cleared?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: There is no balance and within this month the entire thing will be cleared.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know, if the farmers of the country ultimately take to this new fertiliser, will the Government be in a position to meet the total demand of the country in respect of this particular type of nitrogenous fertiliser?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Yes, Sir, because, my hon. friend will be happy to know that the Rourkela factory is going into production early next year and that factory has a capacity of 6 lakh tons when it goes into full production. But for the first three months of next year, it will produce 30,000 tons and later two lakh tons. So, our requirements will be, by and large, met by that factory.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Minister has assessed the total demand from all the States for this type of fertiliser and, if so, what is the total demand?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The total demand for all types of fertilisers at present, for the year 1962-63, in terms of nitrogen, is 5.25 lakh tons.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Sham Lal Saraf.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Question No. 166.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Question No. 173 may also be taken up along with this question.

Mr. Speaker: Yes; if the Minister could take the questions together, he could do so.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): Yes, Sir.

Rationalisation of Sugar Prices

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- *166. { **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps that have been taken till now to