

they are busy with negotiations in this connection.

Shri P. Venkatasubbiah: May I know whether there is any proposal to have financial assistance from Japan for development of this port since the iron ore that is to be sent to Japan is to be exported mainly from this port?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not aware of the details and also on the lines on which negotiations are proceeding.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has Government formulated a clear policy including priorities, with regard to various ports on the east and west coasts? If so, does Paradip enjoy a higher priority than some others?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as this port is concerned, as I have already submitted, Rs. 1.54 crores have been allotted for its development under the Third Plan with a view to make it good enough to handle as much as 5 million tons of traffic. By the time it comes to that level, we shall try to see....

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I am sorry. My question related to priority in the matter of construction of the port.

Shri Raj Bahadur: He referred to the principles and so, I have explained the principle, that when we come up to a certain level of traffic we take further steps. If this plan for exporting 2 million tons of ore is finalised, then we shall proceed further.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I referred to priority in the matter of construction. The answer is quite different from the question.

Mr. Speaker: Unless the Minister tells the hon. Member what priority if any, has been given to this port, he will not be satisfied.

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think the House is already aware that so far as the Third Plan is concerned, for

new ports we have given priority for development in the case of Mangalore and Tuticorin. This Paradip Port development comes as a separate proposal.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: That is what I wanted.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: It is mentioned in the statement that the cost of development of Paradip port to handle this traffic is estimated at Rs. 16 crores. May I know whether this amount will be required in Indian currency or in foreign exchange?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is all under investigation. The Planning Commission has to examine and scrutinise these figures. I think a large part of this will be required in Indian currency; only a small portion, if at all, would be required in foreign exchange.

Survey of Dandakaranya

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*278. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to send a team of experts to Dandakaranya to survey its potentialities for farming, forestry and horticulture; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be sent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The composition of the team is under consideration and as soon as it is decided, the time for its visit will also be finalised.

Export of Raw Sugar

*279. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Export Agency Division of the Indian Sugar Mills Association has entered into a contract

with an International trade house for export of raw sugar to the tune of two lakhs tonnes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proceeds of the exports would be utilised for import of fertilizers from abroad; and

(c) what are the relevant details of this deal?

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

(b) Only 50 per cent of the realisations from export of sugar would be utilised for import of fertilizers.

(c) The deal covers export of 1.5 to 2.0 lakh metric tons of Indian centrifugal raw sugar of fair average quality to Japan, Republic of Korea, South Vietnam West Europe, North Africa, South America, etc. during 1963. The price of raw sugar will be determined on a price fixing basis linked with London Daily Price.

Shri Maheswar Naik: What is the existing gap between the indigenous production of fertilisers and the requirements of the country?

Shri Shinde: At present we have enough quantities to export, and the carry over on 31st October was about 10 lakh tons.

Shri Maheswar Naik: May I know whether the agreement which is going to be entered into envisages any concessional price for import of fertilisers in consideration for the price of export of raw sugar?

Shri Shinde: The price of raw sugar, as I have already stated in the House, is linked with the London daily price. As far as the price of the fertilisers which we are going to import is concerned, it is also the international prevailing price.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know if the export of raw sugar will affect in any way the stock kept every year as reserve?

Shri Shinde: The export quantities are based on internal requirements and the possibilities of the quantities which we can export.

श्री तुलशीदास जाधव मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो रा शुगर बाहर भेजी जाने वाली है इसमें महाराष्ट्र की सहकारी शुगर मिल्स ने कितना सहकार दिया है और कौन कौन सी मिल ने कितना कितना सहकार दिया है ?

Shri Shinde: The co-operative sugar factories in Maharashtra are participating in the production of raw sugar, and the leading factories in Maharashtra have already started production of raw sugar.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: May I know whether the agreement stipulates any reservation of quotas for the co-operative sugar factories, and whether the proximity of a factory to the port of export is a consideration for fixing quota and cost?

Shri Shinde: Anybody, any undertaking in raw sugar which desires to undertake the manufacture of raw sugar is welcome. So, there is no question of reservation for any particular group of factories.

Foodgrains sent out of Madhya Pradesh

*280. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much foodgrains have been sent out of the State of Madhya Pradesh during the period November 1960 to 30th September, 1962 each year separately; and

(b) whether the stock available with Food Ministry in Central Government stores and Central Government Warehouses in the State is sufficient to meet the deficit, if any?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) Quantities of foodgrains moved by rail on trade account as well as on Government