

Shri Shinde: The hon. Member's contention is not correct. The major portion of the payment is made in time. As has already been explained by my senior colleague, this year the shortage of cane is due to various other factors already enumerated by him.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of the high level of sugar prices in this country, may I know whether Government are taking steps to introduce controls as indicated by the hon. Minister of Food and Agriculture in a place very near Bombay two days ago?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have not got the correct text of his speech made in Bombay, but as far as the Ministry is concerned, we are re-introducing the licensing system so that all traders will be licensed and they will have to declare their stocks. They would be enabled to charge only such margin as perhaps the Ministry would enable them to charge. With regard to the introduction of controls, it is not yet time. You would have known, Sir, that after the Budget proposals were out prices have shown some decrease. As the traders were expecting some increase in the excise duty on sugar, there had been some cornering of stocks. After the Budget proposals were out, there has been some fall in the price of sugar. Powers are with us to re-introduce controls. If it becomes necessary, we will have to do that.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether there is any representation from the State Government of Mysore for the starting of more sugar factories and how many they have asked for?

Shri Shinde: There are proposals from various State Governments to start sugar factories including Mysore.

Shri Basappa: I am asking only about Mysore. He can give an answer about Mysore.

Shri A. M. Thomas: There are some proposals and these are being considered. As far as the Third Plan target is concerned, it is 35 lakh tons. We have already issued licences for 33.5 lakh tons. About 1.5 lakh tons remain. Whether that target should be increased—all that is under consideration.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : इस साल जो गन्ने की शोर्ट सप्लाय हुई है और जो बहुत सी मिलें बन्द हो गयी हैं इससे शुगर के उत्पादन पर असर पड़ेगा। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार के पास इसका एस्टीमेट है कि प्राबिस बाइज कितनी शुगर कम हो रही है ?

Shri Shinde: At this stage, it is not possible to have accurate estimates.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यू० पी० सरकार से और केन्द्रीय सरकार से ऊख की कीमत के बारे में कोई बातचीत हुई है, और यदि हुई है, तो उसका क्या फल हुआ है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: With regard to that, there have been some discussions. Discussions are often held by the Minister of Food and Agriculture with the Chief Ministers of the States affected. There has not been any particular proposal pending now.

Mr. Speaker: Nex question.

Indian Fisheries Corporation

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*254. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shrimati Vimla Devi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture on the 22nd January, 1963 and state: culture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 407

(a) whether a proposal to start Indian Fisheries Corporation to sponsor projects to improve fish exports, has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign collaboration in this regard has been secured by Government; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) to (d). Yes. The proposal to establish, in the public sector, a Fisheries Corporation which will undertake deep-sea fishing and process the catches for export as well as for internal consumption, has made some progress. Representatives of a leading firm in America in this line of business, who are interested in collaborating in this venture, are at present in India engaged in a preliminary resources survey. The terms of such collaboration have yet to be discussed and finalised.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार को कोओपरेटिव सोसाइटीज की तरफ से कोई रिप्रेजेंटेशन दिया गया है जिस में लिखा है कि यह काम सरकार खुद न करे बल्कि इसको कोओपरेटिव बेसिस पर कराए ?

Shri Shinde: Representations are received from co-operative societies to the effect that they should be allowed to participate in the State ventures. The project is going to be such a major one. It is not possible for the co-operative societies to undertake such a huge project.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इस काम को कोओपरेटिव को देने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : यह सवाल ही नहीं उठता ।

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether, the Fisheries corporation, when it is started, will deal with inland fishing or deep-sea fishing only?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): This is mainly intended to undertake marine fishing: not inland fishing.

Rail Bridge Over Jamuna

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*255. { Shri Bishwanath Roy:
 { Shri Bhakt Darshan:
 { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the second Railway bridge over the Jamuna near Delhi is not making progress according to schedule; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir. The work is progressing well.

(b) Does not arise. .

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know when the work of construction of the second railway bridge will be completed and it will be opened for traffic?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Work in connection with the construction of 13 piers is going on and 38 per cent of the work has been done. The delay will be with regard to steel for the bridge portion. It has got to be imported. Steel is expected by August 1963. The contractors require 13 months from the date of receipt of this material for completing the bridge work. It is expected to be completed by December, 1964.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the difficulty mentioned just now, may I know whether the work will be completed according to the schedule or there would be some delay?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We would like to complete it as quickly as possible. The question will be about the receipt of imported steel. We are trying to get it as quickly as possible.