

have notice if they want exact figures as to which concession has been given and in what State. I would be able to give that information only after getting the facts.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: How far has the Central Government been successful this year in inducing the State Governments to give special incentives to the farmer before this rabi season?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Incentives by way of what? Incentives could be with regard to the concessional charges or with regard to seed. Generally, for the purpose of having increased production we offered them a little more of fertiliser and a little more of pesticides to be used by them. In addition to that, we made suggestions that the desilting and all those things could be done in advance so that at the time of the sowing season there may not be any bottlenecks. This is with reference to these that we asked them to take advance action and many of the States did take advance action and facilitate the sowing of the rabi crop.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: The hon. Minister has just now said that he would require notice to give actual figures as to whether any concession on irrigation charges has been made in the different States. Has he any information at all as to whether any concession has been given in respect of irrigation charges in any State?

Shri C. Subramaniam: No; I have not collected the figures.

Shri D. J. Naik: It has been stated in the statement that replies from all State Governments have not been received as yet. Which of the State Governments have not yet given their replies?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have received replies only from a few State Governments. So far, the State Governments of Madras, Mysore, Orissa, Assam, Kerala and Maharashtra have sent their replies.

Shri Ranga: What concession has been made in the price of fertilisers which were supplied by Government to the State Governments?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is no special concession. We have already decreased the price of urea, particularly, by Rs. 100/- a tonne. It is not a question of price. It is not available according to the demand; that is the main difficulty. Therefore, we are trying to increase the availability.

Hindustan Shipyard

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*404. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Shipyard proposes to step up its output to six ships a year by 1967-68;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Shipyard faces serious shortage of electrodes, steel and other materials; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to overcome these difficulties?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some difficulties had been experienced by the Hindustan Shipyard in getting adequate supply of electrodes, steel and other imported raw materials in time due to non-availability of requisite amount of foreign exchange because of acute shortage thereof being faced by the country. However, the Yard is currently not facing a serious shortage of electrodes, steel and other materials.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Shri R. G. Dubey: May I know what precise items you have to import for the ship-building industry? In view of its importance in our

national economy, may I know whether any attempt is being made to allocate more foreign exchange for import purposes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There are as many as 82 to 83 items which we have to import. We have taken steps to set up ancillary industries or to create capacity to manufacture in this country all these items indigenously. These industries—some of them have been established—are at various stages of development. It will take time. Meanwhile, we are taking steps to see that the requisite amount of foreign exchange is made available.

Shri R. G. Dubey: While I appreciate the Ministry's effort in this direction, I should like to know how our cost element compares with that of Japan where it is reported that the cost has been brought down to 25 per cent from 56 to 57 per cent.

Shri Raj Bahadur: The Japanese ship-building industry has achieved a great deal of efficiency. Comparatively speaking, they stand at the top. So far as the cost of building ships is concerned, we compare favourably with countries like France or Italy and we do not compare favourably with Japan. Even in U.K. and U.S.A. and also in Germany, the cost of construction of ships is much higher than that in Japan.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार यह बताने की कृपा करेगी कि जो जहाज तैयार हुए हैं, क्या वे सेंट परसेंट इंडियन हैं या विलायत से पुर्जो मंगा कर यहाँ इकट्ठे करके जोड़ दिये गए हैं ?

श्री राज बहादुर : मैंने अभी निवेदन किया है कि अभी तक लगभग 82. 83 मुख्य-मुख्य भाग ऐसे हैं, जो बाहर से मंगाने पड़ते हैं ।

Shri Ranga: Are they training the local personnel in order to shoulder the newer and additional responsibility as they increase the construction facilities and the ability of the shipyard?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think the hon. Member refers to the increased target that we have in view and....

Mr. Speaker: He wanted to know whether you are training the local personnel.

Shri Raj Bahadur: Training personnel in relation to the increased target. We are taking steps to see to that.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know what amount of subsidy we are paying to the Hindustan Shipyard? Is there any scheme of bringing it down?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It varies from ship to ship and from type to type. If we start on a new construction, the subsidy may be higher but as we repeat construction of the same type, the subsidy comes down.

Sugar Marketing Board

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*405. { **Shri Vishram Prasad:**
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 60 on the 8th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the constitution of the Sugar Marketing Board;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to come into existence?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No, Sir. It is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This matter has been referred to the Sen Commission and a final decision will be taken soon after the Commission's recommendations are available.

श्री विश्राम प्रसाद : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह बोर्ड कब से कनसिडरेशन में है और यह कब तक बन जायेगा ।