

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, Sir. The State Governments have been asked to make arrangements with reference to other urban areas and also other scarcity areas wherever they think it is necessary.

Dr. Sarojini Mahishi: Now that the wheat, paddy and jowar grown in the villages are going out of the villages, may I know how Government are going to procure foodgrains and regularise the distribution of rationing in the coming months?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As far as rice is concerned—we are procuring only rice—we have a levy at the miller's level; in some States, they are also considering whether they should have a levy at the producer's level. The various State Governments are formulating proposals just now.

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो सारे देश की राय है कि फ्री मूवमेंट कर दिया जाये, उसके बारे में सरकार क्या सोच रही है ।

Shri C. Subramaniam: There has got to be a certain amount of control for the purpose of managing the situation. As a matter of fact, we are trying to have the minimum amount of control necessary for the purpose of managing the situation.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the lack of a uniform policy with regard to the cities and with regard to the villages, and also the introduction of different types of rationing—formal, informal and all kinds of things—is leading to excessive rise in prices; if so, how is Government going to check this rise in prices?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The rise in prices is a general question. It is because of this rising prices that we want to assure, particularly in large urban areas where there is concentration of population, at least a minimum quantity at controlled prices.

Shri D. S. Patil: May I know whether all the foodgrains promised by other countries have been received and buffer stocks built up in the country, and whether there is adequate stock of foodgrains in the country to introduce rationing throughout the country?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have already stated that there is no proposal to introduce rationing throughout the country.

Production of Sugar

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*508. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether any estimate of the acreage and production of sugarcane in the country for 1964-65 has been made;

(b) if so, the State-wise break up thereof; and

(c) the estimated production of the sugar based on the estimate?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). A statement showing the area under sugarcane for 1964-65, State-wise, according to the all India First Estimate of sugarcane for 1964-65 is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3621/64]. Estimates of production of sugarcane during 1964-65 are not yet available, but the production is expected to be more than last year.

(c) The production of sugar is estimated around 30 lakh tonnes at present.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the acreage shown in the statement according to the first estimate indicates any improvement over last year and if so whether there is any estimate of the Government that there would be any increase in

the production either due to increase in acreage or increase in the per acre yield?

Shri D. R. Chavan: There is an increase of about four lakh acres over last year, that is, 55.92 lakh acres compared to 51.98 lakh acres last year, an increase of 7.6 per cent. In view of the timely rains and good crops it is estimated that there would be 8.10 per cent increase in cane production.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the increase in production, will we be in a position to meet our internal consumption requirements and if not, how far it will fall short of our requirements?

Shri D. R. Chavan: Our internal requirements would be about 25 lakh tons and with this increased production we are likely to meet our internal consumption demands.

Shri P. C. Boroah: What is the average cost of production of cane per maund to the grower and what is the margin of profit?

Shri D. R. Chavan: I have not got these figures.

Shri Biswanath Roy: May I know that the cultivator is discouraged, because the Government is avoiding the announcement about the cost of production, to go in for better yielding cane and consequently for more production of sugar and if so whether Government will make the announcement soon?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): I have already announced the price which is much more than what it was last year Rs. 2 linked to a recovery of 10.4 per cent and even for lower recovery, Rs. 2 is the guaranteed now. It is a question of parity: even now cane production is much more profitable than foodgrains production.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को कोई ऐसे आंकड़े दिये हैं कि इतना गन्ना उपजाना पड़ेगा।

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have asked the likely production in each State and the State Governments have given that information.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : आप ने भी कोई आंकड़े अपनी तरफ से दिये हैं कि इतना होना चाहिये।

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Shri Himmatsinhji: How much sugar will be exported from the country this year and, if so, at what rate?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The price will have to be fixed later on and we hope to export anything between 2-3 lakh tons: it would depend upon our own production.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: From the statement of the hon. Deputy Minister, it appears that the target is not going to be fulfilled though our internal consumption is to the tune of 25 lakh to 26 lakh tons. I want to know whether, in view of the shortage of sugar production or the non-fulfilment of our target, the Government would reconsider the aspect of exporting sugar and see that the export is banned?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That will be kept in mind. If we find that the production is not keeping pace with our requirements, we shall consider trying to cut down the export.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether the Government is aware that much more sugarcane is being diverted towards the manufacture of gur and gur prices range in the region of Rs. 30 per maund and so, may I know what steps are being taken to stop this diversion to the manufacture of gur and thereby help in others to get more sugar?

Shri C. Subramaniam: When people prepare gur, I do not see why we should stand in their way. They have to compete with each other and try to meet the needs.

Shri K. C. Pant: Have the Government received any representation from sugar factories in western Uttar Pradesh that unless certain steps are taken, unexpectedly large quantities of cane will be diverted to gur and the sugar output will fall below expectations and, if so, may I know what is the reaction of the Government to that matter?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is a short-notice question with regard to this and I will be able to give the figures then.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that during 1962-63, the Government's estimate of sugar production was 33 lakh tons while the actual production was 26 lakh tons only, and if so, may I know what are the methods of calculation by which result in such a big inaccuracy in the estimate and the actuals may be avoided?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That is mainly because of the diversion of cane for the manufacture of gur and that is how it has happened. Now, there is a greater production of sugarcane. Therefore, we expect that there will be a greater production of sugar also this year; the production during the last six weeks shows that there has been a greater production than last year.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: May I know whether it is a fact that some State Governments, sugar-factory owners and growers have made any representation to the Central Government to increase the sugarcane price to compete with the gur production and power crushers?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There has been no recent representation from the State Governments. Before fixing the price the State Governments made a representation that the minimum price of Rs. 2 should be maintained, and we have maintained that price.

Shri A. P. Jain: May I know what, according to the latest figures avail-

able, is the percentage of recovery and the total production this year and how does it compare with the figures of last year?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I am sorry I do not have the recovery figures immediately.

Shri A. P. Jain: Total production.

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is a short-notice question coming up; I will give the figures there.

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: May I know whether the Government is thinking of encouraging the growing of beetroot and production of sugar from beetroot?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have not yet established the economics of beetroot production and sugar production from beetroot, but there is a pilot project for that.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement made by the Bihar Chief Minister to the effect that the Central Government's policy in regard to the fixation of price for sugarcane and the target for the production of sugar was confusing and, if so, may I know whether the Government have tried to ascertain from the Bihar Chief Minister what was the reason for making that statement and, if they have, how do they propose to correct their policy in the light of the Bihar Chief Minister's assertion?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have not seen the Chief Minister's statement but the price was fixed in accordance with the recommendation of the Bihar Government.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश की शुगर की ईल्ड लो होने की वजह है पानी का प्रबन्ध न होना और अच्छी वैराइटी के सीड्स की व्यवस्था न होना तो उसके लिए सरकार क्या इंतजाम कर रही है और प्रान्तीय सरकारों को क्या

आदेश मिला है और इस के लिए कितना
रुपया खर्च किया जायेगा ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not have the figures immediately with regard to the amount to be spent by the State Governments. We have generally asked the State Governments to improve the production by making available better seeds and better irrigation facilities.

Shrimati Gayatri Devi: May I know how far we have been able to capture the sugar market which has been vacated by Cuba?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Our capacity to export is limited and even for this limited export there is a good deal of protest. Therefore, there is no question of our being able to capture the market which was given up by Cuba.

Shri D. N. Tiwary: In view of the statement of the Minister that the consumption will be 25 lakh tonnes and production 30 lakh tonnes, is there any possibility of doing away with control and keeping our commitments for export?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is at present no proposal to decontrol sugar, but it may be considered at a later stage.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि शुगरकेन के ऊपर जो सैस लिया जाता है उसमें कितनी ऐसी स्टेडम है जो कि सैस के रुपये को शुगरकेन के इम्प्रूवमेंट के लिए खर्च करती हैं और कितनी ऐसी स्टेडम हैं जो कि इस सस को जनरल बजट के लिए ले लेती हैं ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I would like to have notice for that.

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क्या असेनिक उड्डयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के खजुराहो में एक विमान पट्टी बनाने में क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) उक्त पट्टी के बन जाने के बाद पर्यटकों को क्या अतिरिक्त विशेष सुविधायें दी जायेंगी ;

(ग) विमान पट्टी के निर्माण में कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(घ) खजुराहो तक विमान सेवा कब तक आरंभ हो जायेगी ?

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(क) ठेकेदार को काम अक्टूबर, 1964 में दिया गया था ।

(ख) पर्यटकों को जिन अतिरिक्त विशेष सुविधाओं के दिये जाने का विचार है वे अधिक जगह और बाहर के मन्दिरों की यात्रा करने के लिए परिवहन की व्यवस्था है ।

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(घ) विमान पट्टी के बन कर तैयार होते ही विमान सेवाएं शुरू कर दी जायेंगी ।