

ज्यादा होता है। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसका वजन कम करने के लिये और मूल्य बढ़ाने के लिये, क्या इस लोहे की मिट्टी का शुद्धिकरण करने के लिये प्रदीप या विशाखापत्तनम बन्दरगाहों में कोई कारखाने खोले जायेंगे ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: The question of processing iron ore, if I have understood the question correctly, at Paradip for export purposes does not just arise for the simple reason that the ore deposits available at Tomka Damtari and Nayagar area are lumpy ore which have a demand in the export markets.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार यह बतला सकती है कि यहाँ से प्रपोर्शनैट्स कितना लोह-अयस्क तथा कितने गैंग्स आदि किस पदार्थ दिये जा सकेंगे ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: I have said already that the target for iron ore export is about two million tons per annum and the handling of the incoming cargo, general and foodgrains, would be about 90,000 tons.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: May I know whether the Transport Ministry is giving top priority for the railway line and may I know whether this railway line from Cuttack to Paradip, since line from Tomka Damtari mines to Paradip is a longer route, had been examined and also when actually they will be in a position to export iron ore from this port?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: I have already answered that the line is being surveyed and after the survey is completed, it will be known . . . (Interruptions). It is primarily to connect the mining areas with Paradip port.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: The other part is not answered.

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): The line is being surveyed; Cuttack also can be considered later on.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: In view of the strategic importance of this port is there any proposal to have, right from the inception, a board of trustees or a port trust for the better administration of the port?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: As soon as the port is able to handle cargo this will be declared as one of the major ports under the Port Trust Act.

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: May I know whether at the time of preparation of the master plan for the development of Paradip port the laying of the railway line had not been envisaged and what prevented the government from taking it up at the very beginning of the preparation of the master plan?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: When this port was considered the original idea was to feed the port by an express way connected to the mining area. Later on it has been found that connecting it by rail would be more profitable as compared to the express way and the railways are now engaged in a survey. After these considerations are finalised a decision would be taken for the construction of the railway line.

Sen Committee on Sugar

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Shri R. Barua:

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the recommendations of the Sen Committee on sugar have been accepted and implemented;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof; and

(c) whether any assurance has also been given to the cane-growers that the price of sugarcane will not be reduced?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Sen Commission on Sugar, with the exception of the recommendation in respect of minimum cane price for 1965-66 season, are still under examination. The decision regarding cane price for 1965-66 season has already been announced.

(c) Yes, Sir, during the year 1965-66 there will be no reduction in the cane price.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know when the recommendations of the Sen Commission are likely to be finalised by the Government and the decisions taken?

Shri Shinde: The recommendations of the Sen Commission are broadly concerned with the sugar industry, the State Governments, the sugarcane growers, etc. All of them will have to be consulted before the report can be processed, but the Government is anxious to see that it is processed as early as possible.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I am happy that protection has been given to the cane growers for 1965-66, but I want to know whether the Government is likely to revise its decision, that is, in regard to the decrease in sugarcane prices, after this, or, whether it is an assurance for all years.

Shri Shinde: After all, an assurance of this nature cannot be for all years, because various factors such as the prices of competitive crops, and so on have to be taken into consideration. But as far as the current year is concerned, Government wish to assure hon. Members and the cane cultivators that the present price will continue.

Shri R. Barua: What is the export prospect of sugar and may I know whether it is going to have any impact on the price of sugarcane for the growers?

Shri Shinde: As far as export prospects are concerned, we are trying to see that the exports are maximised, but the international price is very low, and even then, we are trying to export at quite a substantial subsidy.

Shri P. R. Chakravarti: May I know if the Government will indicate which are the specific recommendations of the Sen Commission now being examined at this level?

Shri Shinde: The recommendations pertain to various aspects: for example, the economics of sugarcane, gur and khandsari, competition, licensing policy, cost structure of sugar and various other related subjects.

Shri R. S. Pandey: May I know whether it is true that there is a difference in the rate so far as sugar is concerned from factory to factory, and if so what are the reasons?

Shri Shinde: Yes, Sir. There are about 22 zones, and for determining the price of sugar, the cost structure is taken into consideration. Naturally, the cost structure differs from place to place, and hence the price structure is different in 22 zones in the country. I think the sugar industry will also welcome this at the moment.

Shri D. D. Puri: In view of the fact that the cane to be supplied in the 1966-67 season is being sown now, will the Government consider the question of issuing a statement in regard to the price for the 1966-67 season very soon, now?

The Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri C. Subramaniam): That matter is under consideration and we shall try to announce it as early as possible.

श्री हुकम खन्व कछबाय : जिन प्रान्तों में शुगर मिलें हैं, उन प्रान्तों से दूसरे प्रान्त में शुगर भेजी जाती है तो उस पर 15 पैसे किलो खर्च आता है। तो क्या सरकार यह विचार करती है कि जिस प्रान्त में शुगर बनती है, पहले उसी प्रान्त में दी जाय, उसके बाद दूसरे प्रान्त में भेजी जाय। जैसे मध्य प्रदेश को शुगर उत्तर प्रदेश में और उत्तर प्रदेश की शुगर मध्य प्रदेश में भेजने पर 15 पैसे किलो खर्च आता है, इस खर्च को रोका जा सके।

Shri Shinde: As far as possible, the allocations are made in the various States where sugar is produced, but we have to take into consideration the consumption and production pattern of sugar all over the country, and naturally, in certain cases, sugar transport does take place.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know what is the present stock of sugar lying with the sugar manufacturers and how do the Government propose to utilise to stock which has accumulated?

Shri Shinde: This position has already been explained a number of times. As far as the stock position is concerned, the present position in a broadway is this: including the carry-over stock and the present production, the figure comes to 20 lakh tons; as far as annual production is concerned, the break-up has already been explained to the hon. House. About 27 lakh tons would be required for internal consumption; one lakh tons would be required for export to Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan, and five lakh tons for export, and then there will be a carry-over.

श्री तुलशी दास जाखव : आज कल जो शुगर का स्टॉक पड़ा हुआ है, उससे इसमें कैपिटल घटक गया है और इस वजह से वे शुगर-कैल की कीमत तुरन्त नहीं दे सकते हैं, इसके लिये सरकार ने क्या किया है ?

Shri Shinde: The Government is aware of the difficulties faced by the industry and the cane-growers, and the Government is examining the possibilities to help the industry at the present moment.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : इस वीर पंजाब में गन्ने की मिलों ने जितने गन्ने की बुवाई करवाई थी वह गन्ना भी नहीं लिया है, उतना गन्ना भी नहीं ले रही हैं जैसे यमुनानगर और पानांपत आदि की मिलें हैं। इस चीज को देखते हुए क्या सरकार को पता है कि आगे किसान कम से कम गन्ना बोयेंगे ?

Shri Shinde: Because of the drought conditions in various parts of the country including Punjab, the sugarcane growers are facing some difficulty. The State Governments are also very much concerned about the present position and they are taking various steps to see that the sugarcane growers are helped in different ways.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : गन्ने की बुवाई करा कर भी गन्ना लिया नहीं जा रहा है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने माना है।

Shri Sivamurthi Swamy: May I know whether this committee has recommended liberalisation of issue of licences for sugar industry in the co-operative sector?

Shri Shinde: The government has made the position clear from time to time. Regarding new licences, we wish to give preference to the co-operative sector.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cropping Patterns

*391. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the studies made by the World Health