

Is it due to higher price of sugarcane or some other reason?

Shri A. P. Jain: I think one of the major causes of the higher cost of sugar production is the guaranteed price of sugarcane.

Shri Jadhav: What is the *per capita* consumption of sugar in India?

Shri A. P. Jain: How does this question arise out of export of sugar?

Mr. Speaker: He does not want that there should be any export. If there is export, the price will go up here. It is a legitimate question; the hon. Member has the right to ask the question. He says that the internal price ought not to go up. If the hon. Minister is willing, he might answer.

Shri A. P. Jain: I require notice.

Shri Tyagi: The cost price quoted by the Ministry is £ 53 per ton. May I know if the price has been examined by the Tariff Commission or it is only the Sugar producers' Association who have given this cost price?

Shri A. P. Jain: The cost price of sugar is very carefully worked out on the basis of the price of sugarcane, the cost of manufacture and other expenses.

Shri Tyagi: Was the Tariff Commission taken into consultation?

Shri A. P. Jain: The Tariff Commission did make some recommendations. Schedules for working out cost of production have been drawn up by some expert Committees. There was Negi Committee in 1951 and then Gopal Krishnan's Committee.

Aerodrome in Kozhikode

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*865. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
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Shri Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 45 on 15th May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether a detailed survey has since been conducted to construct a

civil aerodrome at Kozhikode, Kerala State; and

(b) if so, at what stage it is now?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Owing to paucity of funds there has been no progress towards the establishment of an aerodrome at Kozhikode.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know whether a survey will be undertaken or whether it is proposed to be dropped under the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I cannot hold out much hope, but I would also not like to drop it at this stage.

Supply of Railway Wagons

*866. **Shri Naldurgker:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Merchants' Association at Banaras recently made a representation to the Railway Board for supply of 50 wagons daily for booking foodgrains to the scarcity areas of East Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, what action was taken thereon;

(c) how many wagons, loaded with foodgrains move daily from Banaras and Varanasi stations to the above scarcity areas;

(d) whether it is a fact that owing to the shortage of wagons at Banaras and Varanasi stations on the Eastern Railway sufficient foodgrains cannot be supplied to the scarcity areas;

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the speedy carriage of foodgrains booked to the above area; and

(f) whether it is proposed to make arrangements for running special goods trains to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No; not direct. But an attached extract from the Statesman dated 17-2-58 has been seen only recently. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 128.]