

we are carrying on negotiations with other countries also.

**Shri Kasliwal:** May I know whether, in view of the fact that there is a possibility of a very good wheat crop this time, there is any reason to believe that there will be a downward revision of the quantity to be imported now from abroad?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** There is no scope for a downward revision. We have contracted with Canada; on a deferred payment basis, to import about four lakhs of tons of wheat; on the Colombo Plan basis we are importing about 115,000 tons. More than 100,000 tons have already arrived and it is only a little more quantity that remains.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Just now, the hon. Deputy Minister said that they have already entered into a contract for four lakhs of tons of wheat from Canada, and to a previous supplementary about the price, he said it was not proper to disclose that in public interest as negotiations are in progress with other countries. The very fact that a contract has been entered into with Canada implies that some price must have already been fixed. It should thus be mentioned.

**Mr. Speaker:** Negotiations are proceeding.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Already, there is a contract, which means finalisation of the contract for some price. Some price must be the basic price over which the contract has been entered into.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is the reasoning of the hon. Member. They have entered into an agreement for the purchase and they are negotiating for the price. So, there does not seem to be anything unreasonable.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** That is the way—

**Mr. Speaker:** That is the way in which Government have proceeded.

**Shri F. E. Patel:** Then the price of wheat at our godowns in our coun-

try may be less than our local wheat price.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** It would not be less.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** In view of the fact that we are not going to cut our import and there are chances of a buffer crop of wheat, may I know whether Government is satisfied that our godown arrangement is more than sufficient?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** Of course, there is the problem of storage. We are taking as many godowns as possible for storing the wheat which we are going to import.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister replied that the price of the wheat purchased—to be paid for—the Canada wheat, may not be less than the ruling price here.

**Shri Prabhat Kar:** Will it be more or less?

**Mr. Speaker:** It is a further question. I am going to the next question.

फार्म नताओं की अमेरिका यात्रा

\*५७६. श्री सज्जु वाण्डे : क्या कृषि तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि फार्म नताओं का कोई दल संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका जाने वाला है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन की यात्रा का उद्देश्य क्या है ?

सहकार मंत्री (डा० एं० जे० देसायुक्त) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) (१) फार्म और सामुदायिक जीवन, संगठन और उनकी कार्यवाहियों का प्रबलिकन ।

(२) ग्रामीण विकास में फार्म संगठनों, सहकारी संगठनों और अन्य समूहों के कार्यों

का अध्ययन और ऐसे संगठन किस प्रकार बनते और कार्य करते हैं।

(३) विस्तार, उच्चार और अन्य किसको के ग्रामीण सुधार कार्यक्रमों का अध्ययन और किस प्रकार किसान उनमें भाग लेते हैं।

(४) भारतीय कृषि नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों के सम्बन्ध में यू० एल० ए० के संघटित फार्म समूहों से विचार विमर्श।

श्री सरजू पाण्डे : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ जो कृषि फार्म लीडर्स गये हैं उनकी तादाद कितनी थी और उन्होंने अमरीका में किन २ स्थानों का भ्रमण किया है ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : उनकी तादाद २० थी और ३ से साठे ४ महीने तक वे वहाँ ठहरे और काफ़ी जगह घूमे। उसकी तफ़्सील देने में काफ़ी समय लगेगा। एक, दो ग्रुप्स बना कर कुछ युनिवर्सिटियों में भी गये।

श्री जगदीश अक्स्वी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो कृषि फार्म लीडर्स अमरीका गये हैं वे क्या उस सरकार के बुरावे पर गये हुए हैं और उनका खर्चा कौन वहन करेगा ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : उनका खर्चा टी० सी० एम० उठायेगा और वे अमेरिकन फ़ार्म ब्यूरो फेडरेशन के इन्वीटेशन पर गये हैं।

Shri N. R. Munsamy: May I know how this team is formed? Are the representatives drawn from all the States?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There are various States. Most of the States are represented.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, क्या नवर्नमेंट के प्यान में यह बात आई है कि अभी तक जो हमारे भारतीय युवक अमरीका

जा कर वापिस आये हैं उनमें से अधिकतर लोग खेती का काम नहीं कर रहे हैं अपितु वहाँ से केवल अपना स्टैण्ड फ़ार्म लिबिंग ऊंचा करके आये हैं ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : यह सही नहीं है।

Shri Thiramala Rao: May I request the hon. Minister to tell us whether this Department keeps contact with those farm leaders after they return to this country and finds out how far they are implementing practically what they have seen and learnt during their sojourn?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It does not keep a regular contact, but we do know what work these people are doing and occasionally as a result of the representation of the Farmers' Organisation on various committees, we utilise their services and they are found to be profitable.

Shri P. R. Patel: May I know whether any member of this team, which went abroad, is a representative of any Farmers' Association or Organisation in this country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. Some of them are.

Shri Achar: Sir, on a point of order. My friend Shri Bhakt Darshan put a question whether those who return from abroad do not take to agriculture. He said that they do not take to agriculture and do not do anything, and asked whether that fact has come to the notice of the Government. There was no answer. May I know the answer?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have answered that question. That is not correct.

Mr. Speaker: Yes; that was not correct. I think that the hon. Member wants a repetition of that so that there may be a greater emphasis on it. Is it? Next question.