

been used in India after ascertaining the results and possible injuries to plants in India under Indian conditions?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir, They have now been used in India and we have not found it injurious to plants.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether in the areas where these chemicals have been used the people have been informed about the use of these chemicals?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir, every precaution is being taken. As a matter of fact up to the percentage of mixture that has been mentioned here, there is not much risk.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether it is a fact that Government had invited certain Soviet experts in 1945 or 1946 for advice on anti-locust operations, and may I also know whether Government have any proposals for inviting a team of Soviet scientists to advise Government on anti-locust operations?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I regret to say I have not been in contact with the Soviet experts, nor do I know that they had come to India.

SUGAR (EXPORT)

*753. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what amount of sugar would be available for export in the ensuing year from the country?

(b) What is likely to be the foreign demand for our sugar in the year 1952-53?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) About 2 lakh tons.

(b) It is not possible to estimate at this stage, the likely foreign demand for Indian Sugar during 1952-53.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Are we in a position to know at present by what time we shall be able to dispose of our excess stocks of sugar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is very difficult to say, Sir.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What will be the effect of the law that we passed only two or three days ago on our export? Will it adversely affect our exports?

Mr. Speaker: That is a matter of opinion and speculation at present.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: What is the difference between the prevailing world prices of sugar and the Indian price?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid the Indian prices are comparatively high.

Shri Jhunjhunwala: What is the policy of the Government—to increase the production of sugar for export or to confine the production only for internal consumption?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: First of all to see that all demands of internal consumption are met, and, if there is any surplus, to export it.

Shri Jhunjhunwala: I want to know what is the policy—to increase the production of sugar and to export it, or to confine it only for meeting internal consumption.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Both, Sir.

Ch. Ranbir Singh: May I know the total cultivation of sugarcane this year?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The figures are not available yet.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether Government has got any scheme to reduce the cost of production of sugar in view of the unfavourable balance in the world market?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not reduction of sugar but reduction in the acreage of sugarcane.

TRADE UNIONS

*754. **Shri Nambiar:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether the Minister of labour has been pleading for unity among the various Trade Unions in the country, during his tour?

(b) Has he also been advising Trade Unions to exclude the All-India Trade Union Congress from any move for unity?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether in the speeches made during his tour in the Madras State recently the hon. Minister mentioned certain unions as Communist-controlled unions and gave a call to unity other than with these Communist-controlled unions?