

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The Delhi State Government will have to make the suggestion.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is a State Government in Delhi.

Shri Dabhi: May I know, Sir, what are the special difficulties in removing rationing from small towns having a population of less than one lakh where it is still in force?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: In almost all the States where the food scarcity is not very much, we have really removed controls, whereas in States like Bombay, from which the hon. Member comes, and which are highly deficit, we ought to exercise utmost care and vigilance in regard to the relaxation of controls. If these relaxations are found profitable, we are prepared to do so by all means, but if they are found harmful, we must bring it back to controls again, that is the policy of Government. We must exercise utmost care and vigilance because of the acute shortage of some of the main cereals like rice and wheat.

CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION

*1894. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state on what principles the annual contribution to the Food and Agriculture Organisation is given?

(b) Has there been any increase in the budget under this Head?

(c) What is the machinery to settle this amount?

(d) For what purpose is it given?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The annual contribution to the F. A. O. is based on the national income of each Member Nation.

(b) The annual contribution of India was fixed at 268,324 dollars for the years 1952 and 1953. On a special representation made to the F.A.O., an *ad hoc* emergency relief of \$37,902 was accepted during 1952 and India paid only \$ 2,30,422.50.

(c) The contribution for each Member Nation is fixed at the F.A.O. Conferences which are held once in two years and on the advice of Special Committee on financial control.

(d) To meet the working expenses of the Organisation for which all Member countries pay contribution according to prescribed scale.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What are the services that this Organisation does to us?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are mentioned in the statement of functions of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, Sir. It is from them that we receive some technical aid; classes are held and training centres subsidised and financed. We also get some assistance in regard to locust control and some other schemes.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, whether this Food and Agricultural Organisation, of which India is an out and out member, meets the expenses of delegations from India to the F.A.O. conferences?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir. We have to pay for our delegation's expenses excepting those who are official members who happen to be on Committees and Councils. The expenses of the latter are met by the F.A.O.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know, Sir, the number of Indians working in this Organisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is a fairly good number of Indians. Very often we agitate that our number there is disproportionate to our contribution and so on. I have not got the complete information here.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know, Sir, whether we are expected to pay any amount other than this contribution for the technical advice or help we receive from this Organisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Ordinarily not, Sir, unless we ask specially for some expert, in which case probably we may have to pay.

MANUFACTURE OF GAS FROM COW-DUNG

*1897. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken to examine the economies of the plant used for the production of Combustible gas from cow-dung?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): A large size plant is being set up at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute. It is expected that the assembling, welding and erection of this plant will be completed by the end of May 1953. The experimental work and analysis of the gas will then be started.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know, Sir, if in view of the economy and utility of the plant, Government propose to manufacture such plants.