

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Through co-operative societies and private agencies.

जहाज

*८९८. **सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या परि-बहन मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५२-५३ में कितने भारतीय जहाज तटवर्ती व्यापार में संलग्न हैं ?

(ख) कितने जहाज वैदेशिक व्यापार में संलग्न हैं ?

(ग) कितने जहाज भारतीय नौ-सेना में अंगीभूत हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The number of Indian ships engaged in the coastal and foreign trades varied at different times during 1952-53, but according to the latest available information, there are at present 89 and 24 Indian-owned ships in the coastal and foreign trade respectively. Besides these, there are also 10 ships chartered by the Indian Shipping companies which are all plying in the coastal trade.

(c) The hon. Member evidently wants to know the number of merchant ships attached to the Indian Navy. The answer is nil.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : जहां तक इन जहाजों का सम्बन्ध है वहां तक १९५०-५१ और १९५१-५२ में इन की जो आवश्यकता थी उस ओर से १९५२-५३ में यह संख्या बढ़ी है या घटी है ?

Shri Alagesan: I am not able to follow the figures mentioned by the hon. Member.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : यह जो जहाज इस वक्त चल रहे हैं इन में से हमारे देश में बने हुए जहाज ज्यादा हैं या बाहर से जो हम खरीदते हैं वे ज्यादा हैं ?

श्री अलगेशन : बाहर से जो हम खरीदते हैं वे ज्यादा हैं ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या और कुछ जहाज हिन्दुस्तान में बन रहे हैं और क्या और भी कुछ जहाज बाहर से खरीदने का विचार किया जा रहा है ?

श्री अलगेशन : हमारे विभाग की याद में हम बना रहे हैं और बाहर से भी हम खरीदते हैं ।

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, what is the percentage of cargo handled in the coastal trade to the total cargo handled in India's entire sea-borne trade by Indian shipping?

Shri Alagesan: As far as the coastal trade is concerned, the hon. House is aware that it has been reserved completely for Indian shipping.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is not the question. What is the percentage of cargo handled by Indian shipping in India's entire sea-borne trade?

Shri Alagesan: I should like to have notice for that.

Shri Punnoose: The number of Indian ships engaged in coastal trade as well as foreign trade has been given in the Statement. May I know the corresponding foreign ships engaged in these?

Shri Alagesan: As I said, in the coastal trade there are no foreign ships, except chartered ships by Indian shipping companies. In the foreign trade, I do not know the number. I cannot give the number exactly now.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it not a fact that over 95 per cent. of India's foreign trade is handled by foreign shipping?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, most of it is handled by foreign shipping.

SUGAR PRICE

*899. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the formulae for fixing the price of sugar at present;

(b) the period for which it has been in force;