

manner in case this contractor does not take delivery of the planes that are lying with us?

Sardar Swaran Singh: It is anticipated, Sir, that the stuff which is actually lying in the custody of the Government should be quite enough to compensate the Government for the remainder of the amount when we take into consideration the entire purchase price.

EXPORT OF WHEAT FLOUR

*967. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of wheat flour has been exported from India after permission was given to the flour mills to do so in September, 1953;

(b) whether the mills have been able to recapture their pre-war export market; and

(c) what quantity of wheat has been imported by the same mills in the same period to replace the stocks released?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A quantity of 260 tons 6 cwts. of wheat flour has been exported from India upto the 10th November, 1953.

(b) It is too early as yet to arrive at any conclusion on the basis of the small volume of export during the period in question.

(c) No imports of wheat by the flour mills concerned have yet been made, as under the existing arrangement they can import wheat within six months from the date of export of wheat flour.

Shri Buchhikotaiah: May I know, Sir, how many mills were given permission to export?

Shri Karmarkar: I have got the name of one.

Shri Heda: Have Government fixed any ceiling to quantity to the extent the export will be allowed?

Shri Karmarkar: Ceiling for export? No, Sir, at the moment.

Shri T. N. Singh: Is it true that the firm which has been given permission to export is a foreign-owned concern.

Shri Karmarkar: The name looks like foreign—Wallace Flour Co. Ltd., Bombay.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know, Sir, how many factories applied to the Government for such export of wheat flour?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Sir, the position is this. It is a very intricate mechanism. People who want to export wheat flour have got to get permission from the Regional Food Commissioner. Ultimately, when it is all filtered down, it comes for sanction from the Controller of Imports and Exports. So the details of how many could have applied, and how many were sanctioned at various stages are facts which are not with us. We only get the final outcome of the recommendations made.

BORDER RAIDS

*968. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that armed dacoits from Pakistan raided villages in Lakhpat Taluka (Kutch) in October, 1953 and looted property of the residents and ran away?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): Yes, Sir.

Shri Gidwani: What was the amount of property looted?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: It amounted to about Rs. 7,373 worth of property.

Shri Gidwani: How many times have dacoits from Pakistan raided places in Kutch State and run away without being arrested?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I have no information on that just now, Sir.

Shri Gidwani: Is it a fact that Pakistan dacoits are superior in valour and courage...

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know, Sir, the details of the property looted, whether it is in kind etc.?

Mr. Speaker: What is the nature of the property looted?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Cash, cloth and ornaments.

BARIUM SALTS

*971. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether there is any possibility of manufacturing of barium salts in India?

(b) Is it a fact that the necessary raw materials for manufacturing barium salts are found in abundance in India?

(c) What steps are Government taking to encourage their production?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir. In fact some barium salts are already being manufactured in the country.

(b) Of the two common barium minerals, *viz.*, barytes and witherite, the first is known to occur in India in commercial quantities and the latter is not known to be available in India in workable quantities.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 59.]

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In reply to (b), the hon. Minister said that some raw materials were not available in the country. May I know what amount of raw materials is being imported for the manufacture of these salts?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: In reply to (b), I said baryte is available in commercial quantities, and I cannot see how I could relate it to the importation of raw materials of that

variety. So far as witherite is concerned, it is not available in any large quantities.

Shri Raghavaiah: What is the amount of the raw material that cannot be found in this country and is imported from abroad?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As I said, Sir, barytes is available in the country.

Shrimati Tarkeawari Sinha: May I know, Sir, what are the main uses to which barium salt is put?

Mr. Speaker: That goes into a different enquiry. I think we will go to the next question.

EDUCATION IN N.E.F.A. AREA

*973. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have evolved a special scheme for educating the tribals of North East Frontier of India; and

(b) the details of the educational scheme that is to be worked out?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). Government are of opinion that schools in the North East Frontier Agency should be conducted generally in accordance with the scheme of Basic Education. But this will naturally have to be adapted to the special conditions prevailing in that area. The details of the scheme are being worked out by Government in consultation with the Hindustani Talimi Sangh.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to set up a high power transmitter in that area to broadcast special programmes for the tribal people?

Mr. Speaker: It is a question which should be addressed to the Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether any books are being