

Shri Karmarkar: I can tell my hon. friend with regard to groundnut oil. Out of the total estimated production of groundnut oil in the country, it is estimated that four-fifths is produced in large oil mills registered under the Indian Factories Act. The remaining one-fifth is estimated to be produced in the village *ghanis* and other small mills using power *ghanis*.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: May I know how much is consumed by the vanaspati industry?

Shri Karmarkar: Out of the total of 2,950 tons of groundnut in shell, the quantity consumed is 750 tons for vanaspati manufacture—about one-fourth.

PRODUCTION OF TIN PLATE

*1541. **Shri N. R. Naidu:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tin plate production in India is up to the requirements; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to review the import policy regarding tin plates with special reference to waste quality?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Ordinarily India does not produce enough tin plates for its requirements. But at the moment there is a reduction in the demand for tin plates and the reduced demand makes indigenous production nearly adequate.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri N. R. Naidu: May I know how the productive capacity of a tin can manufacturing factory is assessed and how it differs from the previous method?

Shri Karmarkar: Tin plate manufacture has an assessed capacity to a maximum of about 66,500 tons.

Shri N. R. Naidu: Is it a fact that the Government proposes to allot tin plate according to the requirements of individual factories instead of the

previous method of allotting tin plate on the basis of machine production capacity?

Shri Karmarkar: Till the end of 1953, all tin container factories registered under the Factories Act and using power before 31st March 1952, consumers who had their own fabricating plants before 31st March 1952, and other factories such as hurricane lantern manufacturers to whom tin plate was essential, were allotted tin plate directly by the Centre. Following the decline in the demand of oil companies for kerosene packing and the easier supply position, it was decided to permit these factories to place orders for prime tin plate direct on the producers/stockists to the full extent required for genuine consumption in their factories with effect from Period II/1954.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that tin plates are produced in the Indian Steel Rolling Mills of Nagapattinam, and if so, what is the yearly quantity produced?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information about Nagapattinam.

Shri T. N. Singh: In view of the self-sufficiency of India at present in tin plates, may I know whether any import licences for tin plates have been sanctioned in the current year or the preceding year?

Shri Karmarkar: At the moment tin plates are banned. But for the year 1953, the total value of imports was 147.3 lakh tons. It is expected that the present slump is only temporary and that our requirements will be higher in the near future.

DISPLACED PERSONS' CLAIMS

*1542. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of claims of displaced persons verified and disposed of under the Displaced Persons (Claims) Act, 1950 till the expiry of that Act on the 17th May, 1953; and