

Bengal itself, more than their requirements.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami:** May I know the quantity by which the Madras State will be deficit in rice during 1954-55?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** The Madras State is deficit for the present; in 1954 I cannot say what the position will be. If God gives normal rains it may improve and if there are heavy rains they will have a bumper crop and the State may become self-sufficient.

### कृषि उत्पादनों के मूल्य

\* १६९३. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि उत्पादनों के मूल्यों के सम्बन्ध में आंकड़े संकलित करने के लिये सरकार ने कोई समिति नियुक्त की है;

(ख) यदि की है, तो इस के सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या इस ने अपनी कोई रिपोर्ट पेश की है; तथा

(घ) यदि की है, तो इसकी सिफारिशें क्या हैं ?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):**  
(a) A Committee of Enquiry only has been appointed to examine the existing machinery for the reporting of prices of agricultural commodities and suggest improvements necessary therein.

(b) (1) Shri P. N. Thapar, I.C.S., Adviser. Planning Commission—(Chairman.)

(2) Dr. S. R. Sen, Economic and Statistical Adviser, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi—(Member)

(3) Dr. B. Ramamurti, Joint Director, Central Statistical Organisation—(Member)

(4) A representative of each State in turn during the period the enquiry is conducted in the State.

(5) Shri J. S. Sarma, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Food and Agriculture—(Secretary)

(c) and (d). No. The report is expected to be submitted shortly.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह जो सरकार कमेटी कायम कर रही है इसमें खेती से उत्पन्न होने वाले सामानों की कीमत और इंडस्ट्रीज के जरिये पैदा होने वाली चीजों की कीमत में कोई तारतम्यता रहेगी ?

श्री कुल्लप्पा : उस सूचना के जाने के बाद उधर स्टेट से एक अफसर इसमें आता है, उनकी एडवाइज पर वह लोग काम कर सकते हैं।

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that in case of certain States the prices quoted in the weekly bulletin of agriculture prices, are the lowest prices prevailing in a particular area of that State?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** That is one of the reasons why we are appointing this committee. There are various systems of price reporting agencies existing in various States. In some States it is the revenue authorities; in some States it is the *Patwaris* and in some cases it is the regulating market. We want to evolve a uniform policy and that is the reason why we have appointed this committee who will go into the whole matter and make suggestions.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या कमेटी की रिपोर्ट मेम्बरों को मिलेगी ?

एक नाननीय सदस्य : ज़रूर ।

**Shri L. N. Joshi:** May I know whether the committee will go into the cost of production of agricultural products?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I would require notice for that question; they may go into cost of production, I cannot say definitely.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know whether the State Governments have agreed to collect data for the agricultural commodities in their States?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Data already exists in respect of States.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** I want to know whether they will collect fresh data for this committee?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** They are bound to; it is in their own interests.

पंडित ठाकुर दास भागवत : क्या में यह दरियाफ्त कर सकता हूँ कि इस कमेटी में किसी नान-आफिशियल को क्यों नहीं लिया गया ?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I have read out the names; they are all officials.

पंडित ठाकुर दास भागवत : में यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें नान-आफिशियल क्यों नहीं लिया गया ?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. There can be no argument as to why it was not done. The hon. Member can ask for information, that is all.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### SURPLUS WATER DRAINAGE AT TRIPURA

\*1671. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation has been made to Government for a drainage outlet for surplus water from the Dalalchara, in Kamalpur, Tripura; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The Tripura Government have received a representation.

(b) The matter is under consideration and action will be taken when an agricultural engineer is appointed.

##### CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN MADRAS

\*1676. **Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total consumption of sugar in Madras State in 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** Actual figures of consumption of sugar in Madras State are not available. On the basis of figures of inland and coastal trade the consumption of sugar during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 is estimated at 1.15 lakh tons and 1.30 lakh tons respectively. Such figures for the latter half of 1952-53 and for the year 1953-54 have not yet been published. The consumption during the year ending 31st March, 1954, is, however, estimated at 1.84 lakh tons.

##### COLLIERY SIDING

\*1677. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work in connection with Bhadrachallam Road Extension to the Colliery Siding on the Central Railway has commenced; and

(b) if not, when it will be taken up?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Detailed Engineering survey has been carried out. Necessary drawings for bridges, culverts etc. are being prepared. An abstract estimate has been drawn up and the work will be taken in hand after getting it sanctioned by the competent authority.