

taken place in the western border up till now, and what action Government is taking so that in future such occurrences may not occur?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Is it from 1947 onwards? I would like to have notice.

Mr. Speaker: He must specify the time.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: In 1953 and 1954; up to April.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I would require separate notice.

The Prime Minister (Sri Jawaharlal Nehru): I shall say that the border has been remarkably peaceful during this period and this conflict was, resolved without any injury.

ALWAYE FERTILIZER FACTORY

*2057. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme for expanding the capacity of the Fertilizer Factory in Alwaye in Travancore-Cochin State; and

(b) if so, what are its features?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to that effect was submitted to Government.

(b) Messrs Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore, Ltd., propose to increase their annual capacity for ammonium sulphate from 46,000 tons to 75,000 tons by stepping up the production of ammonium capacity from 40 to 80 tons a day. Other nitrogenous fertilizers such as ammonium chloride and ammonium phosphate are also included in the expansion programme.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the production of fertilizers is already in excess of the quantity which is normally utilised by our cultivators?

Shri Karmarkar: The latest position is: in 1953 we produced 319,616 tons as against the estimated requirement of 300,000 tons. But our developmental programmes envisage that at the end of 1955-56, our estimated consumption will be of the order of about 600,000 tons.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the setting up of this factory is going to lower the price of fertilizers.

Shri Karmarkar: This factory is finding itself in difficulty because of the lower prices of Fertilizers from Sindri Fertilizers factory. By improving this, we hope that the price will come down slightly.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what efforts are being made—systematic efforts—to make use of the by-products which are produced in these factories?

Shri Karmarkar: I think I may require notice.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know whether there are mounting stocks in this factory and whether the company has asked for any financial assistance from the Centre, and if so, what steps has the Centre taken?

Shri Karmarkar: The principal difficulty was about the selling price and recently Government have through the Food and Agriculture Ministry given some concession in respect of the price and an advance also—about Rs. 20 lakhs.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know the cost of Ammonium Sulphate produced at Alwaye and how it compares with the cost of the commodity produced at Sindri?

Shri Karmarkar: The Sindri's selling price was Rs. 288 per ton f.o.r. as against Rs. 365/- at Alwaye—I am subject to correction.