

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: That is right.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is a good question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Deaths generally occur. Next question.

F.A.O. CONFERENCE

*1436. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government of India in connection with the Indian Delegation to the Seventh Session of the F.A.O. Conference, held in Rome in 1953;

(b) whether the Delegation has submitted any report to Government; and

(c) the important subjects on which our representatives took part?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Rs. 25,000 approximately.

(b) Yes.

(c) A list of important subjects on which the Indian delegation took active part is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 3.]

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any results and, if so, what results, were achieved with regard to the progress in the adequacy of Indian representation on the staff of the F.A.O.?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I am told there are about 13 Indians in the F.A.O. We have urged that more representation should be given to Indian personnel.

Shri S. N. Das: What result has been achieved?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is too much of talk in the House. Hon. Members are attending more to their own talks than to what is going on in the House. Even when I give a warning, both the ears of some hon. Members seem to be deaf. I am not going to allow any talk to be carried on

across the benches here. It is very wrong.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know what was the strength of the delegation that was sent?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It consisted of 7 members out of which one was an official from Rome and the other six were from India.

Shri S. N. Das: Is it a fact that the selection of the personnel of this delegation was made at the fag-end and that there was no opportunity for study?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The selection of the personnel was made very early but the sanction was given late.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know what was the precise proposal put forward by the Indian Delegation regarding Emergency Famine Reserve and Reform of Agrarian Structure?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: In fact, since we were also deficit at that time, we were for creating an Emergency Reserve of foodgrains but the surplus countries did not agree. So, the whole matter was dropped.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know if any decision was reached with regard to the contribution of India to the F.A.O., and if so, whether it has been increased or whether there has been any reduction in that contribution?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Last year we had to pay Rs. 12,77,000 and this year we have to pay 2,90,202.8 dollars.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know whether any statistical expert of the Government of India attended this Conference and if so whether any proposals were made therein for avoiding conflicting statistics in this country?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Dr. V. G. Panse, Statistical Adviser to the I.C.A.R. was one of the representatives.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: What are the reasons for delay in according the sanction when the personnel were selected earlier?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There was no undue delay. Generally, the sanction is given one or two weeks before they leave the country. The Cabinet has to give approval for the expenditure. That was done at the last hour. There was no delay.

VANASPATI

*1438. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn the permission given to the Vanaspati Industry to use other vegetable oils besides groundnut oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati;

(b) the total quantity of groundnut produced in the year 1952-53; and

(c) the estimated production of groundnut during the 1953-54 season?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Permission to use oils other than groundnut oil, cottonseed oil and sesame oil has been withdrawn with effect from 1st January, 1954.

(b) 28.84 lakh tons.

(c) 37.72 lakh tons.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know the comparative food value of the vanaspati prepared from coconut oil and those prepared from mustard and linseed oils?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I do not claim much scientific knowledge on the subject.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: How much of the present year's production do Government propose to export for dollar exchange?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is only a question of production; no question of export.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: If it is a question of export, the hon. Member will have to ask the question of the Commerce Minister.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether there is any such Committee as the Vanaspati Research Planning Committee and, if so, how does it help the vanaspati industry?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There is a committee; I do not exactly remember the name of that Committee.

Shri Joachim Alva: May I know whether Lever Brothers, the largest producers of vanaspati in India are able to secure a far better advantage over all the Indian competitors by getting oils from Africa through their big world organisation?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The question will have to be put to the Commerce Minister.

Seth Govind Das: Effort was being made for finding out a colour for colouring vanaspati. May I know what is the result of that effort?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Was not all that referred to in the debate on the Demands of the Food and Agriculture Ministry?

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: What is the percentage of the cost of production and the profit made by the producer and the prices at which vanaspati is being sold, and why are the prices rising higher and higher?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That does not arise from this question.

HYDRO-METEOROLOGICAL STUDIES

*1439. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether further hydro-meteorological studies of the catchment areas of the Damodar and Mayurakshi Rivers were carried on in 1953;

(b) if so, what are the results; and

(c) how far the rainfall recorded in 1947-48 differs from the present figures?