

of the Ministers' Conference and to find out ways and means of organising the farmers in future.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know on what basis the so-called representatives of the farmers were chosen?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The State Governments were asked to nominate the representatives from their States out of the progressive cultivators in their States.

Shri Heda: Is it a fact that Government wanted to avoid *kisan* individuals or organisations which were dominated by political considerations?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, no. We were not contemplating any such thing. Our aim was the advancement of agriculture as an industry.

IMPORT OF SUGAR

*66. **Shri Kelappan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import any sugar during 1954-55; and

(b) if so, what quantity?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, 7.5 lakhs tons upto December, 1954.

Shri Kelappan: May I know whether India was a party to the World Sugar Conference?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: India was represented in the Conference.

Shri Kelappan: Have we undertaken to import any definite quantity of sugar, and if so, what is that quantity?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Undertaken from whom?

Shri Kelappan: In that Conference?

Shri Kidwai: We were not a party at that Conference but we attended as observers, that is all.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: May I know what is the estimated production capacity and consumption capacity of sugar in the country?

Shri Kidwai: The consumption during controlled distribution was about 10 to 12 lakh tons, but since sugar has been made free, the consumption has gone up. It is estimated that this year's consumption is going to be 18 lakh tons.

खली के पौष्टिक तत्व

*६७. डा० सत्यवादी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय तिलहन समिति ने विभिन्न बीजों की खली के पौष्टिक तत्व मालूम करने के काम में कहां तक प्रगति की है ;

(ख) क्या इस गवेषणा के परिणामों का सारांश पटल पर रखा जायेगा; और

(ग) इस योजना को लागू करने में अब तक कितना खर्च हुआ है ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). The material is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House, as soon as it is ready.

DABOK AERODROME

*68. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of an aerodrome at Dabok in Rajasthan; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Detailed site and contour surveys have been prepared and the Rajasthan Government requested to acquire urgently the extent of area required for the construction of the aerodrome.

(b) The project will be completed in about 18 months after the land has been acquired and made available.