

the hour, this scarcity is created by the people?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Some of the steps are well known and they appeared in the Press also. I think we did our best.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: No.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There may be difference of opinion between my hon. friend and ourselves. We take whatever steps are possible short of re-introduction of controls.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether it is possible for the Government to give the area under sugarcane cultivation in 1953-54?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got this figure.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

*818. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 966 asked on the 12th March, 1954 and state the progress made so far with regard to the establishment of the Fruit and Vegetable Development Board for the purpose of encouraging horticultural development and increasing the supply of fruits and vegetables in the country?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The question of establishing a Fruit and Vegetable Development Board is still under consideration.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know if, in view of the importance of fruits from the point of view of nutrition, the Government propose to expedite the formation of this Board?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I will bear in mind the suggestion of the hon. Member.

SUPPLY OF BULLS

*819. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order

to improve the quality of live-stock, Government have supplied a number of bulls to different States; and

(b) if so, the number of bulls supplied to Rajasthan and their breeds during the last three years?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) Nil, as there was no demand from the State Government. Perhaps the State has its own arrangements.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether it is a fact that the State Governments do not place their demands due to lack of money which they have to provide in order to maintain these bulls?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have no means of knowing the intentions of the State Governments and the reasons why they do not put forward their demands.

SURVEY OF VEGETABLE AND FRUIT RESOURCES

*820. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the fruit and vegetable resources of the country;

(b) if so, the purpose of the survey; and

(c) the results thereof?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). No comprehensive survey of the fruit and vegetable resources of the country as a whole has so far been carried out. There has, however, been a survey of deciduous fruits grown in the State of Jammu and Kashmir with the object of listing, identifying and describing the varieties of such fruits. There have also been marketing surveys of certain vegetables and fruits whose main object was to ascertain marketing conditions but which also brought out information regarding resources.