

**Shri Karmarkar:** I could not give the volume. I would require notice.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the percentage of the subsidy given by the State Governments to agriculturists which the Government of India bears?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think it bears 25 per cent.

**Shri Karmarkar:** Formerly it was 50 per cent., Sir. Now it has been reduced to 25 per cent. with a view to seeing that the money at its disposal is distributed in the best possible manner.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** I want to know whether the 25 per cent. is given by the State Governments or whether the Government of India also shares some portion of it.

**Shri Karmarkar:** Our subsidy is 25 per cent. The subsidy given by the States is supposed to be at least 25 per cent. They can increase it if they like.

**Shri Badshah Gupta:** May I know whether the Government has set up any machinery to look after the utilisation of the subsidies that are given to a large number of persons—to see that they are actually utilized for the purpose of cultivation and not for other purposes?

**Shri Karmarkar:** This is a matter principally for the State Governments. The State Governments incur the expenditure in this respect, and with a view to help the Grow More Food Campaign we meet the expenses to the extent of 25 per cent. Our machinery is normally through the States, and nothing separate.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : इस सम्बन्ध में किन किन स्टेटों को कितना कितना रुपया दिया गया है और कहाँ कहाँ पर खर्चा किया गया है ? क्या इस बारे में स्टेटों की सरकारों ने कोई रिपोर्ट दी है ?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Every year we get reports about these things—how much we give them and how much is utilised.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : किन किन स्टेटों को कितना कितना रुपया दिया गया ?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think that is a matter of details.

#### PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS

\*808. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the final estimate of production of oilseeds during the year 1951-52 has been completed?

(b) If so, what are the figures of production for different states?

(c) Has the target fixed been reached?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, in the case of groundnuts, sesamum and castor seed only.

(b) A statement giving the required information in respect of groundnuts, sesamum and castor seed is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 35].

(c) Yearly targets of additional production for oilseeds have not so far been fixed.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know how the estimate compares with the estimate of the previous year?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It compares favourably. During the last three years there has been a progressive increase in the oilseeds production.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the percentage of the increase?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have got the figures of acreage here. The increase in acreage has been 625,000 acres, 102,000 acres and 45,000 acres. And my previous answer requires a little modification. As compared to 1949-50 and 1950-51 there has been a small decrease in respect of groundnuts and sesamum. Regarding castor seed there is no information.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether there has been any increase in yield per acre?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice of the question, because the total production is a little less than in the previous year. Whether it was evenly spread out or whether there were abnormal causes I have no information.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** Are Government aware that in certain places lands which have been used for the cultivation of food crops have been diverted for the cultivation of these commercial crops?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Slightly.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** In view of the fact that production of food is the main objective now, may I know whether Government will see that such diversions do not take place to the detriment of food production?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We pay equal attention to food as well as to oilseed production.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** May I know which Province tops the list in the matter of groundnut production?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I shall find out to whom the honour should go.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether in these 'oilseeds' coconut will also be included?

**Shri Hukam Singh:** Coconut of Cochin?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the Minister need not take any serious note of it!

**बाबू रामनारायण सिंह :** देश में जितनी तिलहन की चीजें पैदा होती हैं उस में से कौन सा अंश विदेशों को भेजा जाता है? अगर भेजा जाता है तो क्या लाभ उस से होता है? और अगर नहीं भेजा जाता है तो क्या हानि देश को होती है?

**श्री करमरकर :** जितनी तिलहन की जरूरत इस देश में होती है उस को छोड़ कर जो बच जाता है वह विदेशों को भेजा जाता है। इस के भेजने से विदेशों से फारेन एक्सचेंज भारत को प्राप्त होता है और इस से देश को लाभ होता है।

#### OILSEEDS CULTIVATION

\*809. **Shri Barman:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the area of land under oilseeds cultivation in the years 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) How has the deflationary trend affected oilseeds cultivation since March, 1952?

(c) To what extent had intensive cultivation schemes been successful in the various States in India, so far as oilseeds cultivation is concerned?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) (i) *Kharif Oilseeds* (Groundnut, Sesamum and Castor seed)—about 18.91 million acres in 1951-52 as against 18.14 million acres in 1950-51.

(ii) *Rabi Oilseeds* (Rape and Mustard and Linseed).—Final Estimates for 1951-52 are not yet available. According to the Second Estimates, area under these oilseeds is 4.28 million acres in 1951-52 as against 4.48 million acres in the Second Estimate of 1950-51. Area in 1950-51 at the final Estimate stage was 9.01 million acres.

(b) It is too early to even hazard a guess, since sowings of the 1952-53 *kharif* oilseeds have just commenced.

(c) Most of the schemes have been sanctioned only recently and their results are not yet available.

**Shri Barman:** May I know the prices as they obtained in March 1952 and as they have been last reported to Government?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I shall require notice, but the prices are about the same.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the schemes prepared by the Indian Oilseeds Committee involving better yielding varieties of seeds have proved successful?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir. Improved seeds have proved successful.

**सेठ अचल सिंह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि तिलहन में जो इस समय गिरावट आ रही है उस को रोकने के लिये सरकार कोई कार्यवाही कर रही है या नहीं?

**श्री करमरकर :** इस के लिये कुछ उपाय नहीं किये जा रहे हैं। सरकार को यह लगता है कि इस समय तिलहन में जो गिरावट आ रही है वह देश के हित के लिये ठीक है।

**Shri T. N. Singh:** The hon. Minister has given an estimate of the area under oilseeds crops. Since oilseeds (sesamum, mustard and rape) are a mixed cultivation with other *rabi* crops, may I know how he has arrived at the figure of the area under cultivation?

**Shri Karmarkar:** That is more than I can say at the moment.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know what steps are being taken by the Government to increase the yield per acre in the production of oilseeds?