

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?

Shri Karmarkar: The idea is principally to provide improved seeds.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT OF FLOUR

*811. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an Australian shipment of flour to India under the Colombo Plan has been held up aboard the steamer "Mildura" in Sydney harbour for about three months?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): Yes, Sir.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know what is the quantity of this Australian shipment?

Shri Karmarkar: I have got the price of it here. It was approximately 240,000 Australian pounds and this had come out of the £37 million, earmarked for the supply of foodgrains under the Colombo Plan.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether this shipment was allowed to rot or deteriorate and not allowed to be sold?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. It got deteriorated and we authorized the Australian Government to sell it for what it was worth.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know why this gift shipment was allowed to rot for so long?

Shri Karmarkar: No permission was given for the flour to be allowed to rot, but as a matter of fact there was a change in the ownership of the transporters and that was beyond our control and the particular flour was detained there beyond the time that it was expected to be detained and naturally it rotted and we requested the Australian Government to sell it for us.

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*८१२. श्री जांगड़े : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नागपुर और कलकत्ता के बीच एक जनता एक्सप्रेस चलाने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन रह चुका है; और

(ख) उस लाइन पर किस तिथि से जनता एक्सप्रेस के चलने लगने की आशा है ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) No.

(b) For lack of line capacity over a part of the route coupled with paucity of coaching stock and power, there are no early prospects of the introduction of such a train, even if there were traffic justification for it.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि गत वर्ष श्री संयानम ने नागपुर से कलकत्ता तक एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी चलाने का जो विचार प्रकट किया था, उस के बारे में क्या हो रहा है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : श्री संयानम ने ६ अक्टूबर को यह नहीं कहा था कि नागपुर से कलकत्ता तक ट्रेन चलाने का विचार है, बल्कि बम्बई से कलकत्ता तक एक ट्रेन चलाने को कहा था और वह अभी भी हमारा विचार है और वह ट्रेन इलाहाबाद हो कर चलायी जायगी।

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि युद्ध के पहले नागपुर से ले कर बिलासपुर तक जो लोकल ट्रेन चलती थी, उन ट्रेन्स को फिर से चालू करने का विचार है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मैं नागपुर से बिलासपुर तक की तो नहीं कह सकता, लेकिन यह नागपुर से कलकत्ता तक नहीं चल सकती।

श्री जांगड़े : लोकल ट्रेन्स के बारे में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ।

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मुझे इस के बारे में कोई इत्तला नहीं है।

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि नागपुर से कलकत्ता तक बंगाल नागपुर रेलवे की जो मेन लाइन थी, उस में कितनी गाड़ियाँ