

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** Manganese ore is exported to U.K., Sweden, Norway, Western Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. and several other countries besides. The quantity exported in 1951-52 was 2,28,67,120 cwts. and the value was nearly Rs. 16 crores.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** May I know whether the falling off in demand of mica is due to the production of synthetic varieties of mica abroad or is it due to any deterioration in the quality of the mica produced here?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The general belief is that it is due to stockpiling, mainly.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Will the hon. Minister kindly indicate whether there is any plan for the processing of manganese ores before they are exported?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I would like to have notice.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** That is, instead of exporting ores we could export the metal. We could set up a factory for making the metal and then export the metal. Otherwise you lose a large amount of money.

**Mr. Speaker:** He need not argue now. He may ask for information. Can the hon. Minister give that information?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** As I said, I would like to have notice.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha:** Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that there is a big deposit of manganese in Singhbhum hills down to Mayurbhanj State and that it still remains untapped?

**Mr. Speaker:** He is giving information.

#### NAVIGATION IN HOOGLY

\*1779. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the position with regard to the improvement of the navigational problems in Hoogly between the Bay of Bengal and Calcutta as a result of the experiment carried out at the Poona Research Station;

(b) whether Government propose to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the report of the Research Station for the current year;

(c) the number of other model projects in hand at the Poona Research Station; and

(d) the number of Research Stations of the type at Poona working out such experimental model projects?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) The experiments for improving navigability of the Hoogly River and its estuary are still in progress at the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona. Difficult reaches such as Sankral, Fulta Point and James and Mary Reach—Eastern and Western Guts are being successfully tackled. A repelling spur which will improve Sankral Reach has been finalised and results are being communicated to the Port Commissioners. Calcutta.

(b) Technical report of the Station for the current year (1951) is still under preparation. A summary of the same is, however, placed on the Table of the House. [Copies placed in the Library. See No. P-57/52.]

(c) Twenty-four other model experiments for various projects are in hand at the Poona Research Station.

(d) Five.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know whether proper funds are available for the working of this research station?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** During my last visit to Poona I noticed that the work of this Research Station was suffering because of lack of funds, and therefore I asked this question. May I know if this year proper arrangements have been made for the financing of this Research Station?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** The Department has received no complaint about inadequacy of funds.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know whether the researches made in Poona in connection with the Madras Port have been successful?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I require notice, Sir. This question was in connection with the Hoogly, now we have gone down to Madras.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Are any experiments being carried on regarding the Ganga Barrage scheme?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** Well, now we have gone up to the Ganga Barrage.

**Mr. Speaker:** His point as I have understood it is that experiments in respect of all places in India are being carried on at Poona. So, is any experiment in connection with the problem at Ganga Barrage being carried on at Poona.

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** That is what I am pleading, Sir. This question related primarily to the navigational problems of Hoogly, and I require notice in regard to the Ganga Barrage.

**श्री टी० एन० सिंह :** अभी आपने बतलाया कि वहाँ जो रिसर्च हो रही है उसके लिये वहाँ के अफसरों की तरफ से कोई मांग नहीं की गई है। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वहाँ बाकई उन लोगों को अपना रिसर्च करने के लिये स्थान की कमी है, यानी जो नहरें वहाँ बनती हैं उनके लिये थोड़ा सा और अधिक स्थान चाहिये और इस विषय में क्या उन्होंने कोई मांग नहीं की है ?

**श्री सी० डी० देशमुख :** हमारे पास तो इसकी कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is the Government aware that if the Ganga Barrage scheme comes into operation the Diamond Harbour Scheme will be absolutely unnecessary?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I am sorry, sir, I have got no information.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :** मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि पूना सेंट्रल वाटर ऐन्ड पावर रिसर्च स्टेशन में हुगली के विषय में जो अनुसंधान किया गया है, उसको सरकार ने क्या कार्यान्वित किया है ?

**श्री सी० डी० देशमुख :** जहाँ तक मैं जानता हूँ उनका पूरा निवेदन अभी तक शासन के पास नहीं पहुँचा।

#### YARN AND CLOTH CONTROL

\*1780. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to relax the existing controls on cloth and yarn?

(b) If so, when this relaxation is likely to be given effect to?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). The position regarding controls on cloth and yarn is kept under constant review and changes are made as and when found necessary.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Is it a fact that some of the bigger States like Bombay and Madras are against continuance of cloth control?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I have had no communication from them on that subject, Sir.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know how long the free sales concession given to textile mills will be kept in force?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** In regard to coarse and medium cloth the concession extends up to 31st August, 1952, in regard to fine and superfine it extends up to a month more—that is the present position.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** In view of the fact that the cloth and yarn supply position has become easy at the moment, may I know whether Government propose to further bring down their prices?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** One has nothing to do with the other.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether Government is in communication with the State Governments in regard to lifting of control in this matter?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The Central Government have not taken any initiative in this matter.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Has there been any relaxation so far as the control on cloth is concerned and, if so, what is the present position so far as that relaxation is concerned?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** I am afraid this question has been asked and answered. The relaxation has been made in regard to movement and sale of coarse and medium cloth up to 80 per cent. of the production of a mill, and that relaxation will obtain until the 31st August, 1952. Similar concessions have been made in regard to fine and superfine cloth and these will obtain till the 30th September, 1952.

**सेठ अबल सिंह :** क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन्होंने जो कपड़े पर से कंट्रोल ढीला किया है, तो क्या उत्तर प्रदेश गवर्नमेंट द्वारा उसे ढीला कराने का प्रयत्न करेंगे ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** As I understand it, if it is a question of the U. P. Government co-operating with us, I think I may say that we are assured that the U. P. Government will do its best.