

appeal to the House. We are at different times negotiating with different countries. Supposing the price from that country is published and is higher than the price we are negotiating with another country, the country from which we are importing at a lower price will say: "You are willing to give a higher price for the rice that you purchase from that country". That is the difficulty.

#### IMPORT OF MILO FROM CHINA

\*2110. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether milo has been imported into India from China?

(b) If so, what quantity of milo has so far been imported from China since January, 1952?

(c) Is Chinese milo cheaper than the American milo?

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

(b) Approximately 90 thousand tons.

(c) Government do not consider it desirable to disclose information about the prices paid on account of recent purchases made from different sources.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Sir, the hon. Minister has said that it is not in the public interest to disclose the relative prices.

**Mr. Speaker:** He has said so for good reasons.

श्री पी० एन० राजाभोज : क्या सरकार इस मादलों को मस्ते भाव से मिलने के लिये कुछ आधिक महायता देती है ?

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know whether the Government are aware that the people of Madras State do not like Milo or take only a small quantity?

**Mr. Speaker:** It does not arise out of this.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** Are arrangements made for foreign shipping or Indian shipping for the import of this milo?

**Shri Karmarkar:** At the moment, I understand, Indian shipping is not generally available. In these agreements we try to secure terms in favour of Indian shipping.

**Shri Dabhi:** What is the quantity of Milo in stock in the country as a whole?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to find out.

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**Shri Karmarkar:** At the moment I understand Indian shipping is not available, but generally in these agreements we try to secure terms in favour of Indian shipping.

**Shri Dabhi:** What is the quantity of imported milo at present in the country as a whole?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I cannot say it off-hand.

#### PRICE OF SUGAR CANE

\*2111. **Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reduce the price of sugar cane;

(b) the factors that go to determine the price of sugar cane; and

(c) the price of sugar cane for 1951-52 allowed by the Mysore Sugar Co., at Mandya to cane-growers?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes.

(b) The following factors are taken into consideration in determining the price of sugarcane:—

(i) Estimated cost of cane cultivation.

(ii) Estimated return to the grower if he converts his cane into gur.

(iii) Estimated return to the grower from the alternative crops.

(c) Rs. 47/10/- per ton upto 15th July, 1952.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** May I know what is the price of sugarcane fixed for 1952-53 and from which month it comes into force?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I think we are fixing that.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** Are Government aware that the cost of cultivation, including the cost of fertilizers and transport charges, has remained as before?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice of that