

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

**Shri Shivananjappa:** In view of the fact that the cane-planting season at Mandya has commenced in June and the ryots of this area do not know what price they will get for the cane, do the Government contemplate to allow the 1951-52 rates to continue?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We understood that the sowings were already over round about March.

**Shri Kelappan:** Do Government guarantee a minimum price to cultivators?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I think usually they do. This price fixation is done with a view to give the growers a minimum price.

**Shri Nambiar:** Have the Government of India agreed to allow the disbursement of the prices to the cane growers in two instalments rather than in one instalment, and may I know whether there was any representation from the Madras State against payment in two instalments?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am not aware of any representation but I will find out.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know if the price paid at Mandya is the same as is paid in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Speaking off hand, I think the prices vary, but I have not got the exact figures with me.

**Shri Nevatia:** Will the hon. Deputy Minister kindly inform the House the price realised for sugarcane by converting the same into gur as compared with the price fixed for supply of cane to the sugar factories?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Sir, it is a very complicated calculation which I will have to make.

स.बार ए० ऐस० सहलगल : क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यदि शुगर केन की कीमत में कमी होगी तो क्या चीनी के भाव में भी रद्दो बदल होगा ?

श्री कर्मकर : जी हाँ, शुगर केन की कीमत कम हो जाये तो शुगर की कीमत भी कम हो जायेगी ।

CHAMRAJA NAGAR—SATYAMANGALA RAILWAY LINK

\*2112. **Shri Shivananjappa:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government will take

up construction of the proposed Chamraja Nagar and Satyamangala Railway link on the Southern Railways in the current financial year?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when do they propose to take up construction and when do they propose completing it?

The Minister of Railways and Transport: (Shri L. E. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) It has been decided by the Central Board of Transport that the project should be taken up during 1954-55 and 1955-56. Government are not in a position to state at present when the line will be completed, as this would depend on the availability of funds from year to year.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** Has any preliminary survey been undertaken?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Yes, a survey has been conducted.

**Shri Madiah Gowda:** May I know the cost of this project?

**Shri L. E. Shastri:** The cost of this project will be about Rs. 4.65 crores.

**Shri Madiah Gowda:** Is it a fact that a number of representations were made by the people of South India to take up this project and give it high priority in view of its importance?

**Shri L. E. Shastri:** We are giving priority to it but we cannot take it up before 1954-55.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** What are the exact reasons for not taking up this line this year?

**Shri L. E. Shastri:** I have already given the reasons. It is not possible to take it up earlier. We have got a plan and we have provided this project for the year 1954-55—we cannot take it up before that.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** May I know whether Government is aware that the Mysore Legislature has passed a resolution pressing for this scheme to be taken up early?

**Shri L. E. Shastri:** That may be so—I am not aware of it.

#### OVERLOADING

\*2113. **Shri B. L. Tudu:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any overloading case instituted by any passenger against the Railway Department during the year 1951-52;