

Shri Karmarkar: I think it is meant for deep sea fishing with the help of foreign experts and I understand that the expected yield is about 450,000 tons.

Mr. Speaker: She wants to know out of the total amount of Rs. 3,50,000 what amount has been allotted to deep sea fishing and for individual fishermen.

Shri Karmarkar: I have no idea, Sir.

Shri Pataskar: Did the Government of Bombay ask for any financial assistance?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information with me now.

Shri M. D. Joshi: What are the methods of improvement adopted by the different States to which aid was given?

Shri Karmarkar: That would be a difficult question. As I said earlier, from the Grow-More-Food Funds assistance is given for the supply of yarn and boats and for deep sea fishing with the help of foreign experts. These are the three items under which assistance has been given.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL OF SUGAR MILLS

*1260. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the Subscribed Capital of the Sugar mills in India?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): Information is being collected.

FOOD POSITION

*1261. **Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the stock of food grains in the Country at the beginning of the year 1952;

(b) the expected food stock at the end of the year 1952 and

(c) the position of rice-stocks at the beginning and end of the year 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) At the beginning of the year the stock of foodgrains held by Government amounted to 1,337 thousand tons.

(b) On the basis of present estimates of offtake, procurement and imports the stock of foodgrains at the end of the year 1952 will be roughly 2,900 thousand tons.

(c) The stock of rice held by Government at the beginning of the year was 453 thousand tons. On the basis of present estimates of offtake, procurement and imports the stock of rice at the end of the year 1952 will be roughly 950 thousand tons.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: May I know whether the stock balance at the end of the year will be sufficient enough to act as a buffer to keep down the prices next year?

Shri Karmarkar: That is a question much too early to ask at this moment. I think the extent to which stocks are held they will serve as a buffer.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: In view of the continuous lowering of the offtake from the godowns what steps have Government taken to prevent wastage and deterioration of foodstuffs?

Shri Karmarkar: I think Government are constantly taking steps to prevent deterioration and waste, but I should like to have notice if my friend wants to have details.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: May I know whether the procurement target for this year is greater, and what would be the break-up of the stock balance at the end as between internally procured and imported food grains?

Shri Karmarkar: The procurement target for this year is:

Rice	...	24,97,000 tons.
Wheat	...	6,86,000 tons.
Other grains	...	4,23,000 tons.
Total	...	36,46,000 tons.

✓ **Shri Syammandan Sahaya:** Will the Government be pleased to state what the stock of foodgrains in the country was at the beginning of 1951, and if the hon. Minister is not able to give that figure would he kindly state if the stock then was less or more than what it was at the beginning of 1952?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no figures of stocks as they stood on 1st January, 1951, but as I have stated I have got figures for January, 1952 which I have already given.

Shri B. K. Das: Arising out of answer to part (c) of the question may I ask out of the 453,000 tons mentioned what stocks were with the Central Government and what were the stocks with the State Governments?

Shri Karmarkar: The stocks with the State Governments were 451,000 tons and the stocks with the Central Government godowns were only 2,000 tons.

सेठ अचल सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि प्रोक्स्योरमेंट से जो गल्ला आया है और जो हमारे पास स्टॉक है, वह ६ महीने के बास्ते काफी नहीं होगा ?

श्री करमरकर : मुझे इस के बारे में नोटिस चाहिये, अभी तो हमारे पास स्टॉक काफी है ।

Shri Pocker Saheb: May I know whether Government has taken into consideration the result of the derationing order in giving their reply to part (b) of the question?

Shri Karmarkar: I am afraid, Sir, I am not prepared to answer on the question of derationing in this connection.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: In view of the complaints that the procurement target in surplus States like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh has not been adequate, may I know whether steps have been taken this year to increase the procurement target in these surplus States?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice about the targets in the States mentioned but the States are taking all possible steps to step up procurement as far as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: May I ask a question about Madhya Pradesh, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: About every State there would be a question.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There the target has been exceeded.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shrimati Khongmen: May I draw your attention, Sir, to the fact that I have been supplied with a blank question paper?

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry. Perhaps it is a printer's mistake. She may draw the attention of the Secretary to that matter—it need not be mentioned in the House.

RETRENCHMENT AND RE-EMPLOYMENT

*1263. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 1287 asked on the 8th February, 1951, and state:

(a) the number of retrenched employees, as stated in the statement showing the Government servants retrenched etc., who have since been re-employed; and

(b) the number of fresh appointments, if any, in the Ministries concerned?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Seven, consisting of one Assistant, three Clerks and three Peons.

(b) Twenty eight, composed of 8 Assistants, 14 Clerks and 6 Peons.

ROLLING STOCK FROM JAPAN

*1266. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the amount of Rolling Stock that we are going to purchase from Japan during the year 1952-53?

(b) In what parts of the country do we propose to have electric trains and how many such trains are we purchasing during 1952-53?

(c) What is the number of locomotives, passengers coaches and wagons according to estimates of requirements during the coming three years beginning from 1952-53 and how many do we expect to manufacture in India?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Government do not propose to buy any complete units of Railway Rolling Stock from Japan but an educational order for 10 Metre Gauge passenger bogie underframes has recently been placed on a Japanese manufacturer.

(b) No provision is being made at present for the electrification of new lines anywhere. It is proposed to place an order for 24 Metre Gauge coaches for the Madras Suburban electric service during 1952-53.

(c) Our probable purchases for the 3 years beginning with 1952-53 are estimated to be 750 locos, 3,450 carriages and 28,500 wagons. Out of these it is expected that 510 locos, 2850 carriages and 19,500 wagons will be manufactured in India.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know, Sir, what is the number of electric trains that are on the lines at present?