

Shri Satish Chandra: No, Sir. No separate figures of the sucrose content in the development area alone is available. If the hon. Member wants the information for the whole country, I can give it. It has increased from 9.85 per cent. in 1947-48 to 10.05 per cent. in 1950-51.

Shri K. K. Basu: As you said these estimates in Madras and other States were determined by eye estimates, I want to know whether even the sucrose content was also determined by eye estimate.....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member has misunderstood the whole question.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Are we to understand that these figures for sucrose given now relate to sucrose content or sucrose recovery from sugar-cane?

Shri Satish Chandra: The increase from about 9.85 to 10.05 per cent. or relates to recovery of sucrose from sugar-cane. I think that gives a fair idea of the increase in sucrose content of the cane.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPLIFT

*2309. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some grants are placed at the disposal of the non-official institutions and organisations for expenditures on socio-economic uplift of the Adibās in each State;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions or organisations and the amounts of grants placed at their disposal during the financial years 1950-51 and 1951-52 in each State; and

(c) what safeguards have been provided for proper use of the grants?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Attention is invited to the reply given to part (b) of Shri B. S. Murthy's Starred Question No. 982 on the 18th June 1952.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Sanganna: Are Government aware of the fact that these organisations and non-official institutions carried on political propaganda during the recent elections, and if so, what action has been taken against them?

Dr. Katju: I should like to have notice.

Shri R. K. Chaudhury: May I know whether any amount has been allotted

to the State of Assam for this purpose, and if so to what socio-economic institutions there?

Dr. Katju: There seems to be some misconception in the hon. Member's mind. For development purposes grants are made to State Governments, and it is for them to spend it properly and in an appropriate manner. General advice has been given that the State Governments may well utilise the services of proper and suitable non-official agencies for the expenditure of portions of such sums. I do not know the rest of the details.

Shri R. K. Chaudhury: I wanted to know what amount has been allotted to Assam.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has already stated that the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when it is ready.

OPENING OF A STATION BETWEEN BARAGOPAL AND DEGHWARA

*2311. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether a proposal has been under consideration for the opening of a new station on the O. T. Railway (New North Eastern) between Baragopal and Deghwara Railway Stations?

(b) At what stage the proposal is now?

(c) Has any representation been received by Government for expediting the work?

(d) When is the new station likely to start functioning?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). Yes. The proposal to open a flag station between Baragopal and Deghwara railway stations on the North Eastern Railway has been approved, and work has started.

(c) A representation has been received from the local public to open the station early.

(d) The station is likely to start functioning towards the end of October, i.e., after the monsoon is over.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह: क्या ओ० टी० रेलवे पर चीतबड़ागांव स्टेशन से और बक्सर के बीच में कोई रेलवे लाइन बनाने की बात हुई थी और क्या उस के लिये नपाई भी हो गई थी ?

श्री एल बी शास्त्री : याद तो नहीं है ।
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INDO-U. S. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
AGREEMENT

*2312. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what will be the estimated increase in production of foodgrains through the fertilizers to be supplied by the U. S. Government under the Indo-U. S. Technical Co-operation Agreement?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (**Shri Satish Chandra**): The increased production of foodgrains through the use of these fertilizers is estimated to be between 1½ and 2 lakh tons.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know what is the price of these fertilizers per bag, and how it compares with that of the Indian fertilizers?

Shri Satish Chandra: The question relates to fertilizers which are to be supplied by the United States Government under the Indo-U.S. Technical Co-operation Agreement. The prices for these fertilizers have not been fixed, as immediate payment is not to be made for them. The payment is to be made from a dollar fund to be created in the United States by the United States Government. These fertilizers will be purchased at the competitive market prices from the countries from which they are imported.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Are we to understand from the reply just given, that we have no idea as to the amount of money which we are spending on these fertilizers, and in that case are we to assume that whatever calculation we have made in regard to the increase in production is more or less abracadabra?

Shri Satish Chandra: I do not think Sir, that increase in production bears any relation to prices. The increase in yield is obtained by the application of a particular quantity of a fertiliser to a particular area of the soil.

As regard the price, the agreement with the Technical Co-operation Administration is that the fertilizers will be made available to us at the world market prices. These are to be purchased not only in the United States, but may be purchased in some other countries like Holland and Japan etc. These will be available to us at the

market prices existing at the time of purchase.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I ask, Sir, whether it is in the contemplation of Government to change these items in the Technical Co-operation Agreement in view of the fact that at Sindhri we are trying to produce our own fertilisers, and that there might be other means of finding fertilisers which will in the long run be much more economical.

Shri Satish Chandra: The total requirement of fertilisers in the country is estimated to be 4,18,000 Tons, for the next year, while the production at Sindhri is estimated to be about 2 lakh tons only. So we have to fill the gap. Apart from 88,000 tons of ammonium sulphate that is being imported under this Agreement, the Government of India have already purchased about 82,000 tons from other countries.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know whether the fertilizers we are going to get from the United States have been experimented with at all?

Shri Satish Chandra: Ammonium sulphate is used extensively in this country. Apart from 88,000 tons of ammonium sulphate, additional, 20,000 tons of new types of fertilizers are also being imported. They are mainly for experimental purposes. If the experiments fail, and they do not suit the Indian soil the payment of price will not be insisted upon.

Shri Syamnandan Sahaya: Are the Government aware that there is a very heavy stock of these chemical fertilizers in this country which could not be sold during the last year on account of drought?

Shri Satish Chandra: I do not think Sir, that it is a fact. It may be that in a particular area some stocks have not been sold, but taking the country as a whole there is a demand for increased supply.

Shri P. C. Bose: Is it a fact, Sir that ammonium sulphate is being produced in many coke plants in India?

Shri Satish Chandra: About 20,000 tons are obtained from coke plants in Bengal and Bihar. This quantity has been taken into account in calculating our requirements for the next year.

GARO HILLS AND MIKIR HILLS

*2313. **Shri Beli Ram Das**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of short staple cotton are