

**सेठ बचल सिंह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे कि इस एडवाइजरी कमेटी के सदस्य कौन कौन हैं ?

**Dr. Keskar:** A communique was published long ago, and I think it was laid on the Table of the House also.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will go to the next question.

#### SALE OF PRODUCTS OF SINDRI FACTORY

\*124. **Shri Bansal:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state what arrangements have been made for the sale of the products of the Sindri Fertiliser Factory?

(b) Have any firm or firms been appointed as the selling agents of the products?

(c) If so, what are the names of such firms?

(d) What are the terms of the Agency Agreements?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) I would draw the attention of the hon. Member to the reply given on the floor of this House on the 4th June, 1952 to part (c) of Starred Question No. 444 by Dr. M. M. Das. That reply referred to the sale of both the Crystals and the Dust of Ammonium Sulphate.

M/S. Sindri Fertilizer and Chemicals Limited have recently begun selling Sulphate Dust directly in the open market independently of the Central Fertilizer Pool.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Shri Bansal:** Did the I.C.I. at any stage approach the Government for the sale of these products through them?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I have no information.

**Shri Bansal:** Has the attention of the hon. Minister been drawn to an article in the *Economic Weekly*, dated the 20th of September saying that while Government are charging very high prices for their product, they are paying a comparatively low price to the commercial producers?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I have seen that article, but the inferences drawn by the writer of that article are not correct.

**Shri Bansal:** What is the price that the end-user has to pay for this ammonium sulphate?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The end-price depends upon the freight and other incidental charges.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** May I know the difference between the price of the fertilizer produced at Sindri and the price of the fertilizer landed at port towns from abroad?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The price of the imported article is higher than the one produced at Sindri.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** May I know the difference? I want the comparative price.

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The price of the imported article is round about Rs. 400 per ton. The price of the local article is now Rs. 350 per ton.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is it not a fact that the new Board of Advisers of the Sindri Factory are advising the Government that all subsidiary industries which can be established there should be consigned to private hands?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That is not the advice.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is it a fact that calcium carbonate which is being produced as a bye-product was sent to some Danish experts for opinion and that they have said that it is useful for making cement, and in spite of this advice this calcium carbonate is being given at a nominal price to the Associated Cements on the advice of the Board of Advisers who are mostly industrialists?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That raises a different question altogether—I mean the utilisation of the calcium carbonate. But I may tell the hon. Member that the calcium carbonate sludge is to be sold to the Associated Cement Co., not at a nominal price but at an economic price.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know how the ex-mill price of the sulphate of ammonia produced at the Sindri Factory compares with the ex-mill price of the same article in England or America?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot answer the question straightaway. I would like to compare the figures and give an answer, if notice is given.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

#### SULPHUR

\*125. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what arrangements have been made to try indigenous pyrites for use as alternative raw material to manufacture sulphur?