

IMPORT OF RICE FROM CHINA

*187. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what quantity of rice is to be imported into India from China in 1952?

(b) What are the conditions of price?

(c) Are there any special arrangements made for the transport of rice to India?

(d) What percentage of it has been sent to Cochin harbour?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) 1,50,000 metric tons.

(b) It is against cash payment.

(c) No.

(d) Out of 99,300 long tons of rice so far imported from China about 18,700 tons have been received at Cochin Port which works up to 18.8 per cent of the total arrivals.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know whether getting rice from China is cheaper than getting it from elsewhere?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Not at all, Sir.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether the rice that is imported is broken or whole?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is not broken rice. There are three varieties, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, fine, superfine and coarse grain. All three varieties are imported.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know if the hon. Minister intends in exhausting all the coarse rice in Travancore-Cochin State?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I deny that, Sir.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: How does the rice imported from China compare in quality with the rice imported from Burma?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Sometimes they differ in quality.

Shri B. S. Murthy: How does the cost of Chinese rice compare with that of the Burma rice?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is not in any way cheaper.

Shri Kelappan: How do the prices compare?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: One is not cheaper than the other.

Shri V. G. Deshpande: May I know, Sir, if the colour of the Chinese rice is red?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is not.

PUBLIC NURSING

*188. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of nurses from the various States that have come to undergo a course in public nursing at the College of Nursing in Delhi?

(b) What are the special features of this course?

(c) For what period will this training course continue?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) 15.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 46.]

(c) It is a course of 9½ months. The course is intended to meet the demand for trained Public Health Nurses which is expected to continue.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, how the expenditure is going to be met and how it is going to be shared by the Centre and the various State Governments?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Sir, the proposal at present is that the entire non-recurring and recurring expenditure in the first year and a half will be met by the Ford Foundation if we so desire, and the remaining half of the recurring expenditure during the second year and the entire expenditure for the third year onwards will have to be met by the State Governments proportionately according to the number of students which they sponsor.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether this training course will be a continuous one or it will be a short time scheme?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: It will be a continuous one because the need for public health nurses in the country is very great.

Shri Chattopadhyaya: May I know whether viva voce examinations are held for the selection of nurses and, if so, are the examiners women or men?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I do not know whether viva voce examinations have been held so far. So far as I