

revised targets and the actual production so far, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 26]

(b) Nine altogether, each of whom is an expert in his own line.

#### IMPORT OF RICE FROM BURMA

\*343. **Shri Balakrishnan:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many tons of Burma rice have so far been imported during the current year on Government account?

(b) How many tons of rice was imported on private account?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. F. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Upto 31st October, 1952 about 3,25,700 tons of Burma rice were imported on Government account.

(b) No rice was imported on private trade account.

#### SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO WEST BENGAL

\*344. **Shri Meghnad Saha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what portion of the additional two lakh tons of foodgrains promised to the State Government of West Bengal by the Central Government for the year 1952 has been supplied up to the present time?

(b) Is it a fact that the cheaper rice supply to West Bengal from Orissa arranged at the instance of the Central Government could not be delivered fully upto now?

(c) What are the reasons for this?

(d) What final arrangements have been made by the Central Government in the recent conference with the Food Minister of West Bengal to make good the full quota of the additional foodgrains promised from Central sources?

(e) When would the plans as to the change in the system of procurement and control in the rural areas of Bengal announced by the Central Government in June-July this year be finally put into effect?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. F. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (d). The Centre promised to supply West Bengal for the year 1952 one lakh tons of rice for meeting the rationing Commitments, and another one lakh tons of rice for sale through Special Shops. At the beginning of August, 1952, the matter was further discussed between

the Centre and the State Government; and West Bengal wanted a supply of 40,000 tons of rice to be made to them between that date and the end of the year. This was to be from Orissa. Before August, 51,810 tons of rice were allotted to West Bengal. Since August 12,560 tons moved from Orissa and as there was some default in the despatches, the Centre has, since August, made available to West Bengal a further 65,235 tons of imported rice.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The delay in despatches in the initial stages was due to (1) availabilities not materialising as expected, (2) West Bengal's reluctance to accept under-polished rice and (3) finalising procedural details.

(e) The matter is under consideration.

#### ALL INDIA SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

\*345. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether the All India Survey undertaken by the Director-General of Resettlement and Employment referred to in para 26 of the Labour Ministry's Report for 1951-52 has been completed?

(b) If so, what are numbers of personnel required by different industries and areas?

(c) Does the demand exceed the present output and if so, how do Government propose to meet it?

(d) If the survey Report has not yet been submitted to Government, when do they expect it?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) to (c). In order to ensure that training facilities provided in various trades in different regions correspond as closely as possible to local industrial requirements, it was decided to carry out the present survey.

Information regarding the number of workmen employed in various technical trades, the number of supervisory personnel, the annual intake of these personnel and apprenticeship training programmes, if any, in industrial undertakings employing 250 or more workmen was called for in an appropriate *pro forma*. The enquiry was confined to engineering, metal and building construction industries. Regional Directors were asked to undertake the enquiry with the help of ad hoc sub-Committees of the Regional Employment Advisory Committees.