

operates by the calendar year. Exports of foodgrains from Hyderabad during the years 1952 and 1953 were:—

1952 ... 8,000 tons jowar.

1953 ... 8,900 tons jowar and 200 tons Ragi upto 15th April.

(b) The Export prices for Berari jowar and ragi are Rs. 10-8-0 per maund and for white jowar Rs. 11-8-9 per maund.

(c) Supplies of imported foodgrains to Hyderabad during 1952 were:—

Rice ... 9,900 tons.

Wheat ... 48,000 tons.

During 1953 no imported foodgrains have so far been sent to Hyderabad.

#### CHECKING OF WEIGHTS OF CONSIGNMENTS

**1355. Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for checking the weights of consignments at the time of delivery in order to prevent under-weighments of consignments by the forwarding stations; and

(b) if so, what are they?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Certain proportions of consignments received are required to be re-weighed at destinations as a check against under-weighment of consignments at the forwarding stations. Inspecting officials also carry out surprise reweighment checks.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR PORTS

**1356. Shri Kelappan:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the results of the hydrographic survey conducted by Mr. Henry Krauss a Dutch expert of the minor ports in the country?

(b) Which are the minor ports selected by the National Harbour Board for development?

(c) Have the National Harbour Board considered the suitability of Beypore on the Malabar Coast for development as an intermediate port?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The services of Mr. Krauss were obtained, at the instance of the Government of Bombay, for undertaking a survey of the minor ports in that State. He started the work in September 1952 and is expected to continue it till the

end of March 1954. Mr. Krauss is engaged in guiding the marine survey unit of Bombay Government in carrying out the hydrographic surveys of their minor ports. The object of the survey is to ascertain by means of soundings, the present conditions of the approaches to and of the inner waters of the harbours and to prepare upto date navigation charts of them. The data thus collected will enable the State Government to devise measures of improvement, wherever necessary.

(b) The National Harbour Board has recommended that for purposes of development attention should be concentrated on 18 of the more important minor ports which will be classified as intermediate ports. These ports are—Mandvi, Navlakhi, Bedi, Porbandar, Veraval, Bhavnagar, Okha, Broach, Ratnagiri, Karwar, Mangalore, Kozhikode (Calicut), Tuticorin, Nagapatnam, Cuddalore, Masulipatnam, Kakinada and Alleppey.

(c) Beypore is not in the list of ports considered suitable for development as an intermediate port.

#### RICE DEMAND BY MADRAS STATE

**1357. Shri E. Iyyani:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice demanded by the Madras State for the year 1953;

(b) the quantity allotted for the year 1953; and

(c) how many tons have been allotted from internal procurement and how many tons from the imported stocks?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) 250,000 tons.

(b) We have promised to meet their demand in full, if necessary.

(c) For the period January to April, 1953, 94 thousand tons have been allotted from internal sources and 25 thousand tons from Overseas imports.

#### SUGAR-CANE CESS

**1358. Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to utilise all sugar-cane cess collected from a sugar factory, for the cane development in the area in which the same factory is located?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** No.