

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What is the total import of sulphur during the year 1952?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I think the hon. Member will have to ask the Commerce Minister because import matters are dealt with by him.

Shri Joachim Alva: Has the Food Ministry enquired or found out from the Ministry of Natural Resources whether the sulphur found in North Kanara District can be utilised for this purpose?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): I have not.

FERTILISERS

*311. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of each kind of chemical fertilisers purchased by Government from (i) the Sindri Fertilisers, (ii) the other Indian Manufacturers, if any, and (iii) the foreign countries during 1952-53 and the amount spent on each?

(b) How much of each was supplied to each State Government?

(c) What was the total loss or gain on the whole transaction?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 30.]

(c) Total net gain so far, is expected to be about Rs. 3,00,000.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Was any quantity sold direct to the public?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I have no information. Generally, we allot it to the States and there is no direct sale to the public.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What happened to the remainder of the 84,000 tons?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Whatever has not been sold is in stock.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FISHERIES IN HIRAKUD

*274. **Shri Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken for the development of fisheries in the Hirakud Reservoir, after the completion of the dam?

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) At the instance of the Central Water and Power Commission, the Central Inland Fisheries Research Station of the Government of India, conducted a survey of the fish and fisheries of the Hirakud Stretch of the Mahanadi River and submitted a report. The Commission have considered the Report and made certain recommendations to the State Government of Orissa for their consideration.

(b) The Government of Orissa is considering these recommendations before taking steps to develop fisheries in the Hirakud Reservoir.

LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE

*275. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the nominee of the Government of India in the Governing Body of the Lady Hardinge Medical College, Shri K. R. K. Menon has been functioning as Honorary Treasurer of the Governing Body referred to;

(b) whether this nominee of the Government of India has also been functioning as the Chairman of the Executive Committee and, if so, from which date to which date;

(c) whether this nominee was being elected to the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee year after year; and

(d) whether complaints have been received from the students or members of the staff about this officer in his capacity as Honorary Treasurer?