

yields and sucrose content through the following measures:

- (i) Distribution of improved free from disease seeds;
- (ii) Proper manuring and adopting other improved cultural practices;
- (iii) Protection of crop against pests and diseases;

(iv) Arranging cane competitions and offering prizes to best growers.

The purposes of the Sugarcane Research Schemes are (i) to investigate the problems of sugarcane cultivation under local conditions and (ii) to study the manufacture and storage of gur.

(c) and (d). The details of amounts sanctioned and utilised for these schemes are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Sugarcane Development			Sugarcane Research		
	Amount sanctioned	Amount utilised	Central Share	Amount sanctioned	Amount utilised	Central Share
1956-57	0.90	0.12	0.03	3.74	2.16	0.13
1957-58	0.75	0.22	0.04	1.11	0.85	0.17
1958-59	1.05	0.70	0.19	0.73	0.56	0.18
1959-60	0.72	0.77	0.28	0.74	0.56	0.18
1960-61	0.71	0.66 *	0.17*	0.76	0.56	0.19
	4.13	2.47	0.71	7.06	4.69	0.85

*Estimated.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan from Paradip Port

3808. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the quantity of iron ore exported from the 1st November, 1960 to 31st January, 1961 through the port of Paradip in Orissa to Japan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No shipment has been made during these three months.

Purchase of Railway Requirements from Small Scale Units

3809. Shri Ajit Singh Sarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased

to state:

(a) whether directions have been issued to the different purchasing Departments of the Railways to prefer purchase from small scale units; and

(b) if so, the nature of the direction and total purchases from small scale units, during 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahuwas Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) A summary of the directives issued to all Railway Administrations is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 11].

The total value of purchases from Small Scale Units during 1960-61 is Rs. 122 lakhs approximately.