

(a) whether it is a fact that the dispute between the Maharashtra State and the Bombay Steam Navigation Company regarding Konkan Steamer service has been settled;

(b) if so, whether Konkan coastal steamer service will run regularly;

(c) whether any other company is going to run the Konkan service; and

(d) if so, the particulars thereof?

**The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) There is no dispute as such but negotiations are still going on and nothing final has yet emerged.

(b) As usual, the steamer service is being maintained except during the monsoon months.

(c) and (d). Messrs Chowgule Steamships Ltd., Goa have been permitted to build three new ships for the Konkan service. The first of these ships is expected to arrive in November, 1964. The details of services to be maintained by this Company have not yet been worked out.

#### Agricultural Production

**150. Shri Shiv Charan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government in the First and Second Five Year Plans and during 1961-62, 1962-63 and 1963-64 on agricultural production; and

(b) how much land was under cultivation in 1950, at the end of First and Second Plan period and on the 31st March, 1963?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) The estimates of expenditure incurred by the Central and State Governments and Union Territories on agricultural production and allied programmes such as minor irrigation, animal husbandry

and fisheries during 1st and 2nd Five Year Plans and the first three years of Third Plan are as under:—

Period	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in Crores)
1. First Five Year Plan .	206
2. Second Five Year Plan	271
<i>Third Five Year Plan</i>	
1961-62 . . . . .	84 *
1962-63 . . . . .	9
1963-64 (anticipated) *Provisional	135 *

(b) Period**	Cultivated area (Net area sown plus current fallows) (In 000 acres)
(i) 1950-51 . . . . .	319,816
(ii) 1955-56 (At the end of 1st Plan) . . . . .	347,755
(iii) 1960-61 (At the end of the Second Plan)	357,223
(iv) 1961-62	360,554

The date for the year 1962-63 have not yet become available.

\*\* (July-June)

#### Delhi Milk Scheme

**151. { Shri Shiv Charan Gupta:  
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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the daily capacity of the plant of Delhi Milk Scheme to pasturize and to distribute milk in Delhi;

(b) what has been the utilisation of this capacity during 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 respectively;

(c) the capital investment in this project;

(d) the profit and loss in this case during the above years; and

(e) the prospects of meeting requirements of Delhi from this source in 1971, 1976 and 1981?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) The daily capacity is 3,750 maunds or 1,36,360 litres on single shift basis.

(b) The utilisation of the capacity was as follows:—

November, 1959	
to March, 1961	37.7%
1961-62	74%
1962-63	96.85%

(c) Capital investment in the Delhi Milk Scheme as on 31-3-1963 was as under:—

(i) Assets other than the buildings, at cost	Rs.	179.02 lakhs
(ii) Buildings, & Air Conditioning Plant		70.83 lakhs

(d) The Scheme has been running at a loss. The losses were as under:—

	Rs.
1959-61	5.02 lakhs
1961-62	4.16 lakhs
1962-63	10.64 lakhs

The above losses are arrived at after providing for interest on capital. Interest on the capital adjusted during these years is:—

	Rs.
1959-61	4.39 lakhs
1961-62	4.38 lakhs
1962-63	6.34 lakhs

(e) The plant is planned for an optimum capacity of 7,000 maunds of milk per day, which was expected to be attained by 1966. The capacity is proposed to be expanded to 12,000 maunds eventually. Even then the requirements of Delhi will continue to be met only partially as at present.

#### Working Group on Animal Husbandry

**152. Shri Man Singh P. Patel:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report of the Working Group on Animal Husbandry and Dairy Co-operatives; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government thereon?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The report received by the Government is under examination.

#### Sugar Supply for Industries

**153. Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign exchange earning industries like fruit, vegetable and other food preserves have suffered because of low production for want of adequate supplies of sugar during the past year or so; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to restore the normal supplies of sugar to these industries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan):** (a) Yes, to some extent due to the overall shortage of sugar in the country.

(b) (1) The State Governments wherever necessary were requested to supply requisite quantities of sugar to the fruit and vegetable preservation industries.

(2) Supply of sugar was specially arranged for the manufacture of fruit and vegetable products for the supplies to the Army.

(3) For the purpose of manufacturing fruit products for export, a special quota of sugar was made available to the manufacturers for export.

(4) In the peak fruit season in 1964, on a representation from the Fruit/Vegetable Canning Industry, the Central Government allotted quotas of sugar direct from the centre to the fruit preservation industry for two months (May-June and June-July) to meet the shortfall between the actual requirement of the industry and the quantity supplied by the State Governments.