

(c) and (d) The quantity of sugar exported and the price at which exported during the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 are as under :

Year	Qty. exported (Lakh tonnes)	Price i.e. f.o.b.s. realisation (Rs. per tonne)
1966	4.41	390
1967	2.17	635
1968	0.95*	1,006*

*Provisional.

ABOLITION OF WHIP SYSTEM

642. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to abolish the whip system in the Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and when it is likely to be given effect to ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) no, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES IN MAHARASHTRA

643. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have refused permission to some cooperative societies in Maharashtra to open ten new cooperative sugar factories; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such refusal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) During the last three years, the Government has considered 20 applications for the establishment of new cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra. Letters of intent/licences have been issued in 7 cases and 13 cases were not

found suitable because of non availability of sufficient supply of sugarcane in the respective areas.

MARINE DIESEL ENGINES

644. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN :

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government of India that the marine diesel engines manufactured in the country are highly defective ;

(b) whether it is a fact that owners and operators of fishing boats have been complaining about the quality of these engines ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure the quality of marine diesel engines supplied to fishing boats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Marine diesel engines manufactured in the country have now been in use for several years. There are about 1500 such engines fitted to fishing boats operating around our coasts. Some models have not proved satisfactory and are not in demand. Others are being widely used. Complaints which have been received from time to time regarding indigenous engines fall into two categories. Marine diesel engines being manufactured in the country were mostly high revolution while for certain types of fishing low revolution engines are preferred. Low revolution engines are, however, also now being manufactured in the country. The second category of complaints is in regard to various mechanical defects.

(c) The complaints received have been taken up with the manufacturers through the Directorate General of Technical Development. In some cases the manufacturers have carried out detailed investigations with a view to effecting improvements. A careful watch will be kept on the quality of engines to ensure maintenance of adequate standards.