

Scheme have not been covered, so far, and, if so, whether the Government or the Corporation has prepared any scheme to cover all eligible workers within the next few years?

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: Yes, Sir. To extend the coverage it is first necessary to see that hospitals and dispensaries are available all over the country. We are now gradually trying to extend the benefits of the scheme to all eligible persons.

COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES

*474. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the licensed capacity of the co-operative sugar factories and their actual production during 1962-63 and 1963-64; and

(b) the sugar industry's total licensed capacity*.)

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Total licensed annual sugar production capacity of cooperative sugar factories at present is 8-6 lakh tonnes while their installed capacity in 1962-63 was 5-9 lakh tonnes and in 1963-64 70 lakh tonnes; their actual sugar production being 4-8 and 60 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) The total licensed annual sugar production capacity of the sugar industry at present is 33-8 lakh tonnes out of which 30-5 lakh tonnes would be the installed capacity in 1964-65.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, what was our domestic consumption of sugar during the year 1964-65 and what was the quantity of sugar exported during that year?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: The production of sugar for that year was 25-61 lakh tonnes and the consumption was a little more than 23 lakh tonnes. The export was about 2-5 lakh tonnes.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, whether the export had to be subsidised compared to the price of domestic sugar here and the export price?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: Yes, Sir.

SHRI SURESH J. DESAI: May I know, Sir, how many fresh licences were issued to the co-operative sector in the last six months?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: As a matter of fact in 1959-1960 and in 1960-1961 on account of overproduction, licensing of sugar factories was stopped, but the matter was reviewed in 1963. The total number of applications received was 229. Of them 121 were for the establishment of new factories and 108 for expansion. So far about 62 cases for expansion have been cleared, 22 in the co-operative sector and 40 joint stock companies. So far as the establishment of new factories is concerned, the matter is still under consideration.

SHRI SURESH J. DESAI: May I know if it is a fact that there is a difference of opinion between the Ministry of Community Development and the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Community Development holding that no fresh licences should be issued for expansion unless all the applications from the co-operative sector were disposed of, while the Ministry of Industry holds that the applications of those who had got ready finance should be considered and they be granted licences? May I know why this difference continued and the country suffered from an acute shortage of sugar? No licences were issued for a period of about a year.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am not aware of any difference of opinion between the Community Development Ministry and the Industry Ministry. The matter was under consideration mainly because of finances not being available for expansion and the new installation of sugar factories. That matter has been cleared now. That is why letters of intent for expansion have already been issued and for new factories they are under active consideration.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, what was the target of sugar production during the Third Five Year Plan and whether it is likely to be achieved?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: It was about 35-6 lakh tonnes. This year no target has been fixed, but I think it will be about 30 lakh tonnes.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: I wanted to know -what was the target of sugar production in the Third Five Year Plan and whether it is likely to be achieved.

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: The capacity is being established. It depends upon the availability of cane at the particular time. The production of sugar depends upon the availability of cane.

श्री राम सहस्रब : क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जान सकूंगा कि स्टेट्स को जो आपके जरिए से लिखा गया था कि चीनी के बारे में ब्लैक मार्केटिंग की रोक की जाय उसके बारे में आपको कोई उत्तर प्रान्त हुआ और क्या उसके बारे में कोई रिजल्ट हो सका ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is a matter of enforcing the existing controls and it is for the State Governments to take action. We have written to them about it and they are also taking action to see that as far as possible black-marketing is prevented.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: May I know whether Government have come to any conclusion, to any decision, about the uneconomic sugar factory units in U.P. and, if so, whether there is any proposal before the Government to take, under the cooperative sector, the private sugar factories which are not modernising themselves and the production of sugar is suffering?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: A Committee has been appointed known as the Gnnda Rao Committee, which is actively going into the question of uneconomic units in U.P. and Bihar and we hope that its report -will be available in the next few months, when we will be able to take action.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: The co-operative sugar mills in Maharashtra have reached their optimum capacity. If so, may I know why the Government is not issuing licences in respect of 40 of them which are pending with the Government of India?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: That relates to the establishment of new factories. As I have said already, the matter is under active consideration.

REPLACEMENT OF TRAINING SHIP 'DUFFERIN'

*475. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Training Ship 'Dufferin' has outlived its life;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to procure a replacement for 'Dufferin'; and

(c) by what time the new training ship is likely to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) The Training Ship 'Dufferin' has not yet outlived its life. The Ship is, however, now 60 years old, and the question of its replacement by a training ship built on modern lines is under consideration. It is too early to say when the new training ship will replace the Training Ship 'Dufferin'.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, from the hon. Minister what is the normal life of a ship and whether the Training Ship 'Dufferin' has not put in that number of years?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The life of a ship depends upon the kind of operations it is being put to, the kind of uses it is being put to. If it is operating on the seas its life will be between 20 and 30 years, perhaps a little more, but if it is a stationary ship, which is taken care of so far as maintenance and repairs are concerned, used for a purpose like this of training, it can very well serve for a period of 60 years and more, as it has done in this case.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether he is in a position to give an assurance that the Training Ship 'Dufferin' will be replaced by a training ship only and not by a shore establishment?