

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SUGAR FACTORIES RUN BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

*24. SHRI M. R. SHERVANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories run by the Central Government through authorised controllers during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60;

(b) what is the total quantity of sugar produced by such factories during each of the two seasons; and

(c) what is the total net profit earned by these factories after providing for full depreciation and interest on loans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Three factories.

(b) 28,364 and 31,969 tons during 1958-59 and 1959-60, respectively.

(c) Rs. 9.40 lakhs in 1958-59 and Rs. 14.79 lakhs in 1959-60.

CLOSING DOWN OF SUGAR MILLS FOR WANT OF SUGARCANE

*31. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills which closed down in each State for non-availability of sugarcane in the months of December, 1962 and January, 1963;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was a fall in exports of sugar during this period and if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to reduce excise duty on sugar in order to help sugar industry and if so, to what extent the duty is likely to be reduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) None in December, 1962. Three factories closed in January, namely, (1) S. B. Sugar Mills, Bihta, Bihar, (2) Amaravathi Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd., A. K. Puthur, Madras State, (3) Palakol Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd., Palakol, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Export of sugar during the months of December, 1962 and January, 1963, totalled 41,101.2 tonnes, as against 66,827.1 tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

(c) No, Sir.

NEW PERMITS FOR SCOOTER RICKSHAWS IN DELHI

*32. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new permits for Scooter Rickshaws have been granted in Delhi; and

(b) whether all those Scooter Rickshaws which have been granted new permits are fitted with fare meters?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

WAREHOUSES

*34. SHRI ABDUL GHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses newly constructed by the Central Warehousing Corporation in each State in 1962-63;

(b) the amount spent in each State on them; and

(c) the number of warehouses in each State on 31st January, 1963?