

MR. CHAIRMAN; I think it has been quite explicit Due consideration is being, given. He cannot say in advance whether Government would agreed to it.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: It is not a question of mortgaging the Government. It is not so simple.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: Is the proposed legislation intended to cover agricultural labour?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I do not imagine it will, but it will come under the broad heading of labour. It really concerns the question of security of employment of worker^ in the light of some of the judgments of the Supreme Court.

DAIRY PRODUCTS AND CANNED FOOD TO BE IMPORTED FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"404. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the dairy products and canned food proposed to be imported under the agreement entered into between India and the United States of America at the end of November, 1962 would be available for civilian or for military consumption; and

(b) what are the details of the dairy products to be imported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) The commodities being imported under this agreement are for the use of Armed Forces Personnel only.

(b) (i) Milk tinned evaporated—13,000 tonnes.

(ii) Whole Milk Powder—225 tonnes.

(iii) Cheese tinned—75 tonnes.

(iv) Skimmed Milk—200 tonne*, (v) Tinned Fruit—400 tonnes.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: May I know, Sir, what is the total value of these dairy products?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: I have not got that figure at present.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: When are these products likely to be received in India?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: They are in the process of being received soon.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Have I understood correctly the hon. Minister to say that these are in the form of gifts and nothing has to be paid by this country?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: They are imports.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHANAI: If it is an import, in what currency have we to pay for it?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: It is a matter of detail. I cannot answer the question now.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: There are military dairies in India. May I know if these products are produced there and, if so, in what quantity?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: They are produced, but it is certainly negligible. They are not up to the mark and the requirements.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, what is the requirement of the Defence for all these products?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Their requirements are increasing because the [Army is also expanding.