

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 15th December, 1959/ the 24th. *Agrahayana*, 1881 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*459. [The *questioner* (Dr. R. B. Gour) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2532-33 *infra*.]

DEVELOPMENT OF KARWAR AS A MAJOR PORT

*460. SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHET-TY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Karwar in the State of Mysore as a major port; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, by when Government are likely to take up this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government. The matter would, however, be reviewed in the light of the report of the Intermediate Ports Development Committee as and when received.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Is it a fact that a large quantity of iron-ore and manganese is being exported from Karwar?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Some quantities are being exported, I understand, but I do not know exactly how much.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Is It a fact, Sir, that in a letter addressed by the Minister of Transport and Communications to one of the Members of the Lok Sabha it was stated

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that Karwar was being developed to handle the export of iron-ore?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That might be so, but my information is that according to the Committee the traffic is 4,500 tons per annum.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: In view of the disputed position of Karwar as one of the boundaries between Bombay and Mysore, will it not be advisable to keep the question of developing this port a little in abeyance until that question is finally settled?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I take note of that suggestion.

TRAINING SHIP "MEKHALA", VISAKHAPATNAM

*461. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seamen are being given training on the ship "Mekhala" at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons trained every year;

(c) what is the period of training;

(d) what are the facilities after training for employment;

(e) what is the number of class III and class IV staff working in this training ship;

(f) how many of them are (i) confirmed and (ii) temporary;

(g) whether the Central Civil Service Rules are applied to them; and

(h) whether they have been provided with any quarters; if not, by when they are to be provided with quarters?

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

(b) 420 at present,

(c) Three months.

(d) On completion of training, the candidates are required to proceed to Bombay or Calcutta where they are given assistance in securing employment on foreign-going ships.

(e) Class III Seventeen Class IV Twenty one

(f) All are temporary.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) No. Sir. The need for constructing residential quarters for allotment to such staff has not been felt so far.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMAN A: With regard to part (f) of the question, how long are they going to be kept temporary?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Most of the posts have already been made permanent. 'Mekhala' itself is an institution on a permanent footing. Steps are being taken to finalise the recruitment rules—perhaps they have already been finalised—and the question of making the temporary personnel permanent is at present under examination.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: In view of this scarcity of accommodation at Visakhapatnam, is the Government thinking of providing accommodation for these people at least from the next year?

- SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That need has not been felt, Sir.

गंडग तथा भाटापारा में भांडागारों की स्थापना

*४६२. श्री राम सहाय : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मैसूर में गंडग में तथा मध्य प्रदेश में भाटापारा में १३ लाख ४३ हजार रुपये की लागत से भांडागारों के निर्माण का कार्य प्रारम्भ हो गया है ; और यदि नहीं तो उसके कब तक प्रारम्भ होने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) क्या ये भांडागार रबी की अगली फसल आने तक तैयार हो जायेंगे ?

t [SETTING UP OF WAREHOUSES AT GADAG AND BHATPARA

*462. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the construction of warehouses at Gadag in Mysore and Bhatpara in Madhya Pradesh at a cost of 13 lakh and 4B thousand rupees has started; and if not, by when it is likely to start; and

(b) whether these warehouses will be ready by the next Rabi crop?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Land acquisition is in progress and the work will be started at each of these places as soon as the land is available.

(b) No. These warehouses may be ready by about December, 1960.

‡[खाद्य तथा कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थॉमस) : (क) भूमि प्राप्ति कार्य प्रगति पर है और जहाँ भूमि प्राप्त हो जायगी इन स्थानों पर कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया जायेगा ।

(ख) नहीं । इन भांडागारों के दिसम्बर ६० के लगभग तक तैयार हो जाने की संभावना है ।]

SHRI RAM SAHAI: May I know, Sir, what the capacity of these warehouses would be?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Sir, the capacity would be 5,000 tons in the case of Gadag and 5,000 tons in the case of Bhatpara (Madhya Pradesh).

f[] English translation. t/ I Hindi translation.