

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What is the amount of rice imported from the U.S.A., and what price?"

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Nothing in 1958.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHLINGAM CHETTIAR: The cost of import is Rs. 18 crores and foreign exchange is Rs. 16 crores. How is the other Rs. 2 terms of rupees.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Firstly the freight paid on the import of rice from Burma was not in terms of foreign currency. Secondly, both the cost and the freight for Viet Nam rice was paid in terms of rupees.

हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद को चावल की आवश्यकताएं

*२३६ श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आन्ध्र प्रदेश की सरकार ने भारत सरकार से कोई दरखास्त की है कि हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद शहरों को चावल की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिये केन्द्र के गोदामों में इकट्ठे किये गये चावल में से कुछ हिस्सा उस राज्य को मिले; और

(ख) यदि हां तो, कितने टन चावल के लिये दरखास्त की गई है; और इस के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

REQUIREMENTS OF HYDERABAD AND SECUNDERABAD

*239. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Government of India that a part of the rice stored in the Central Government godowns be given to that State for meeting the requirements of the cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and

English translation.

(b) if so, how many tons of rice have been asked for and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b). Andhra Pradesh Government have come up recently with a request that the Government of India should supply 1 lakh tons of rice to enable them to maintain a reserve to meet the State's requirements for distribution during the lean period. The request is under consideration.

[खाद्य तथा कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थॉमस) : (क) और (ख). आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने हाल ही में भारत सरकार से १ लाख टन चावल देने की प्रार्थना की है ताकि वह कमी के समय में राज्य की आवश्यकता पूर्ति के लिये सुरक्षित भण्डार रख सकें। यह प्रार्थना विचाराधीन है।]

श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : केन्द्र ने हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद में चावल किस भाव से देना तय किया है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : केन्द्र तो हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद में चावल नहीं बेच रहा है।

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: While Andhra Pradesh is said to be surplus, so far as rice requirements are concerned, may I know the reasons why one lakh tons are required from the Centre?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: There are certain surplus areas in Andhra Pradesh. There are other areas which are deficit and there is the question of the harvesting season and the lean season. In order to equalise the supplies and the price, the Andhra Pradesh Government wants some rice. I may also say that I had recently some talks with the Ministers and officials of Andhra State and their latest proposal is that they may be allowed to buy one lakh tons of rice in that State.

English translation.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: While the Centre itself is convinced that one lakh tons of rice is deficit in Andhra State, may I know the reasons which prompted the Centre to allow some of the outside purchasers to purchase rice freely in some parts of Andhra Pradesh?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: I have never said that Andhra Pradesh is short of supply in rice. Andhra Pradesh, taken as a whole, is surplus in rice by about 6 to 7 lakh tons per year but there are certain pockets in Andhra Pradesh which are deficit. There are other larger areas which are surplus. Then there is the question of the harvest season and the lean season. In order to equalise the supplies and prices the Andhra Government wants to make some purchases.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Could not the Andhra Pradesh Government on its own procure this amount from the surplus area and supply to the deficit area? Why should the Centre come in?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: That is exactly what I am saying.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are not buying from outside.

INVESTMENTS BY RAILWAYS IN ROAD SERVICES

*240. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Railway Administration propose to invest money in road services in the country during the current financial year? If so,—

(a) what is the amount proposed to be invested; and

(b) what is the break up of the amount Statewise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Yes, Sir. (a) Rs. 50 lakhs.

(b) (i) Bihar Rs. 10-00 lakhs.

(ii) Mysore Rs. 17-50 lakhs.

(hi) Andhra Pradesh Rs. 22-50 lakhs.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know how much money is going to be invested in U.P. under this programme?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: For the time being no amount has been earmarked but if the U.P. Government puts forward any specific scheme, that will be considered.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: What are the considerations which weigh with the Railway administration in deciding the extent of investment?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The principle that we have accepted is that we would invest in State Corporations. Where the States have come forward and formed the corporations, the Railways have contributed to the extent possible.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know whether the Railway Department is proposing to invest this amount to encourage road transport to compete with the Railways?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, the idea of Railways contributing to State Corporations for Transport is that there should be proper co-ordination in the development of road traffic as well as railway traffic so that both supplement each other rather than enter into cut-throat competition.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if the Railways will give money on loan to the State Transport undertakings or they have some scheme for investing in shares etc.? What is the idea and how this amount shall be advanced?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: In the case of State Corporations, the Railways participate and get a return on the capital that is invested and that comes to about 4 per cent, generally.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if any investment is proposed to be made or has already been made in Madhya Pradesh as they have more than one State Corporation there?