

RENEWAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

♦176. SHRI H. C. MATHUR (ON BE-
HALF OF SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO): Will the
Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to draw up
a fresh International Wheat Agreement; and

(b) what are the specific items that will be
discussed at the next meeting of the
International Wheat Council?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) There is a proposal
to draw up a new Agreement to succeed the
present 11nd International Wheat Agreement
when it terminates in July 1956.

The agenda of the next meeting of the
Council has not yet been drawn up.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is it the intention of
the Government to renew the wheat
agreement and go in for the purchases?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The present
position is that the present agreement is to
last upto July 1956. What happened at the
International Wheat Council held in October
was that it was decided that efforts should be
made to bring in other countries which have
not joined it and the terms of the agreement
should also be revised.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Has the Gov-
ernment taken any decision and do we think
that it is in the interests of the country to be in
the pool and make purchases?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: If my hon. friend
is referring to the agreement already signed, it
was undoubtedly Government's view that it
was beneficial for us to enter into the
agreement. So far as the future is concerned, I
am afraid I am not in a position to say.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: At what rate were
the purchases made last year under the
present agreement and how did it compare
with the market prices in the country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Last year I j don't
think we made any purchases except very
small quantities.

SHARE OF CANE GROWERS IN PROFITS OF SUGAR MILLS

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OF SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO): Will the Minister for
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assurance was re-
cently given to sugarcane growers that
they would be given a share in the
! extra profits of sugar mills; and

(b) if so, whether any formula has
been evolved for the sharing of such
profits?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) It was announced
vn 25th January 1954 that the Government of
India was considering the question of
introducing a scheme by which a legitimate
share of the additional profit made by sugar
factories during 1953-54 can be passed on to
cane growers.

(b) Yes.

SHRI N. PRASADARAO: Some figures
were published in the press. Were they
reliable? They were about profit-sharing.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I cannot say
which particular paper published and on what
date.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Have the
Government any formula?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: What is the basis
for it?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I have got it and I
am prepared to place it on the Table of the
House.

SHRI N. PRASADARAO: Is it a fact that
the ' percentages were much lower than the
profit-share already being implemented in
Andhra in the