

sion to be conducted on unemployment in selected areas in Travancore-Cochin, Delhi and West Bengal has been completed;

(b) if so, whether Government will place a copy of the report of the survey on the Table of the House; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to fight unemployment in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report regarding Delhi survey is placed on the Table of the House. The reports on the surveys conducted in Travancore-Cochin State and Calcutta city have not yet been drawn up. They will be placed on the Table of the House, when received. [Placed in Library. See No. S-354/54.]

(c) The steps already taken by Government, namely increasing the size of the Plan by Rs. 170 crores are known to the House. What further steps are to be taken will be decided after watching the progress of the steps already taken.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: How long will it take for the Government to collect the figures from West Bengal and Travancore-Cochin?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The figures are available but the final report is being prepared.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: In the Plan you have allotted Rs. 125 crores more but may I know the specific steps you are taking in this regard?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That will depend on the position after we receive the report.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What are the amounts collected by you?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That is not yet finalized.

DR. P. C. MITRA: But the report is already completed.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The report for Delhi is complete and that is laid on the Table of the House; not for Travancore-Cochin.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is the substance of that report?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have to go through the report.

(Postponed from 31st August 1954)

IMPORT AND CULTIVATION OF LONG STAPLE COTTON

*131. DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and cost of long staple cotton imported into India during each of the years 1952 and 1953; and

(b) whether the possibilities of growing this variety of cotton in India have been explored; if so, what are those possibilities?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 71.]

(b) Yes, Sir. Prospects of growing long staple varieties of cotton particularly in the States of Bombay, Madras, Mysore, Punjab and P.E.P.S.U., are good.

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DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: May I know whether there has been any scheme for cultivation of long staple cotton in West Bengal?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: About West Bengal, I should like to have notice.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is any such scheme being formulated for West Bengal?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He wants notice.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: I have got facts about this. It was started as far back as 1951-52.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have that information to verify.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: But I have got this from official sources.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have only to ask questions in the question hour.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: What was the contribution made by the Government of West Bengal and the Government of India towards this?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He wants notice as regards West Bengal.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Is it not possible to grow this variety of staple cotton in Madhya Pradesh?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have notice. I know there is good black cotton soil there but I should like to have notice about the precise possibilities there.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: That means no attempt has been made?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: That does not follow. It only means that we have not got full details.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: What particular variety is being tried in the Bombay State?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: There are different varieties like C.O.4, Lakshmi and all other things. Anything above 1 inch staple.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: In what part of Bombay State?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The readiest that I can think of is Karnatak but I should like to have notice of that question.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the American technologists who visited this country have suggested measures for growing increased varieties of this cotton in India?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not aware of the foreign technologists' contribution but this question has been under the constant attention of the Central Cotton Committee as well as various bodies under the Government.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: Which are the countries from which this cotton is imported?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Principally the countries are United States, Egypt, and East Africa but other countries are Sudan, Brazil, Peru, Pakistan and others.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: What is the quantity imported in the last 2 years?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The total quantity imported from 1st September 1951 to 31st August 1952 was 12,30,388 bales of the value of Rs. 12,02,680,634.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Am I to understand that West Bengal is excluded from the purview of the scheme for the cultivation of long staple cotton?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: My friend can only understand that I want notice of that question.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Which are the cotton research stations where the possibility of growing long staple cotton is being experimented?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Off-hand I can say the Cotton Research Institute at Matunga, Bombay. About others I should like to have notice.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: About growing of long staple cotton?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to have notice.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know the difference in the rates between that of the imported cotton and the cotton grown in India of the long staple variety?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is difficult to say because mostly we import cotton which is not grown in India. We don't import medium staple cotton which is commonly grown in India. In any case I should like to have notice.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know the names of the places where model farms are being situated in the Bombay State?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: That is covered by the other question. I should like to have notice.

(Postponed from the 1st September 1954)

**CENTRAL LOANS TO PUNJAB, PEPSU AND
RAJASTHAN FOR BHAKRA-NANGAL
PROJECT**

*145. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the amount of loans given so far to each of the Governments of Punjab, P.E.P.S.U. and Rajasthan for financing the Bhakra-Nangal Project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 72.]

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know the rates of interest fixed for these loans and the periods for which they are granted?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The rates of interest vary according to the prevalent rates. In 1947-48 it was 2·7/8 per cent., in 1948-49 it was 2·7/8 per cent., in 1949-50 it was 3 per cent. to

3·1/8 per cent., in 1950-51 it was 3½ per cent. and 3·3/8 per cent., in 1951-52 it was 3·5-1/8 per cent., in 1952-53 it was 4·1/8 per cent. and in 1953-54 it was 4·½ per cent. The period was 15 years.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What is the rate for 1954-55?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I have not got that figure.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know whether these States have set up adequate sinking funds to pay the loans given by the Central Government for these programmes?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: They have to pay after 15 years.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Is there any likelihood that some of the participating States may not be able to pay the Central loans taken by them?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: We expect that they will be able to pay.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is only a surmise.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that there has been undue delay in the apportionment of the capital costs of the Bhakra-Nangal project amongst the three participating Governments of Punjab, Pepsu and Rajasthan?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I don't think there has been any undue delay. Originally all the loans were given to the Punjab Government.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is there any amount which the Punjab Government spent on this project, besides the loan given by the Government of India?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I think they have spent. But I must make sure.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Nearly Rs. 85 or 90 crores have so far been given to the Punjab Government for the construction of this project. I would like