

خواجہ عنايت اللہ ابھی ابھی
 آنریبل منسٹر نے فرمایا ہے کہ ہمارے
 دیس میں چینی کا خرچ قریب قریب
 دگلا ہو گیا ہے - سو کیا باہر سے چینی
 ملنے کے بجائے ابھی ہی دیس میں
 گنے کی زیادہ پیداوار کرے کی کوشش
 نہیں کی جا سکتی ؟

†[KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH Just now the hon Minister said that the consumption of sugar has almost doubled in our country Cannot efforts be made to produce more sugarcane in our country instead of importing sugar from abroad?]

श्री रफी अहमद किदवाई - अगर गन्ना
 मध्य प्रदेश में पैदा हो तो उसमें कोई
 खास फायदा नहीं होता क्योंकि उसके
 लिये मिले चाहिये । आजकल हमारे यहां
 मशरकी यू० पी० और बिहार में जितनी
 मिले हैं उनके लिये वहां जितना गन्ना
 पैदा होता है काफी नहीं होता लेकिन जब
 यह कोशिश की जाती है कि कुछ मिले
 एक जगह से दूसरी जगह हट कर चली
 जाये तो वहां को गवर्नमेंट इस की मुआलिफत
 करती है । फिर भी कोशिश यह हो रही
 है कि बिहार से और ईस्टर्न यू० पी० से
 कुछ मिले हटाई जाये ताकि वहां को बची
 हुई मिलों को गन्ना पूरा पूरा मिले ।

†[SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI If sugarcane is produced in Madhya Pradesh it can be of no particular use because sugar mills are also needed At present there are sugar mills in Eastern U P and Bihar but the sugarcane produced in those regions is not sufficient for them When effort is made to shift mills from one region to another region, the Government concerned opposes it Still efforts are

†English translation of the above

being made to shift some mills from Bihar and Eastern U.P. So that the remaining mills there may get sufficient supply of sugarcane]

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR

*99 SHRI K C GEORGE Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the total supply of sugar available in the country during the current season

(b) the estimated off-take for the current season,

(c) the quantity released for internal consumption including the release for sale in the free market,

(d) the quantity despatched from the factories to the consuming centres during the period from the 1st December, 1952 to the 31st May 1953, and

(e) the closing stocks with the factories on the 31st May 1953?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR P S DESHMUKH) (a) to (e) A statement showing the required information is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(Figures in lakh tons)

Total quantity of sugar available in the country during 1952-53 season	17 97
Estimated off-take for 1952-53 season	16 38
Quantity of sugar released for internal consumption during 1952-53 season upto 25th August 1953	15 48

(Figures in
lakh tons)

Quantity of sugar despatched from the sugar factories to consuming centres from 1st November 1952 to 31st May 1953. ... 9.17

Closing stocks of sugar with factories on 31st May 1953. ... 8.73

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: The Statement shows that there is a surplus of 8.73 lakh tons. May I know from the hon. Minister if the total quantity of 17.97 lakh tons includes the carry-over of the previous year?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what was the release order of the Government and what was the actual quantity that was released?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I have not been able to understand the question.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: I want to know what was the release order given and what was the quantity released by the mill-owners?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I think the hon. Member will find the full information in the Statement. 1,50,000 tons or so is the release that the mill-owners are obliged to sell out for the market. Sometimes the release order is for 2,40,000 tons, but all the quantity could not be moved on account of the shortage of wagons.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The information that the hon. Member asks for is there, how much off-take for 1952-53.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is all right.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: In view of the fact that the normal consumption of sugar in the past few years is about 11 to 12 lakh tons, will Government kindly state firstly, what is their source of information that this year there is an increase of consumption; secondly the reasons therefor.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: Government knows the quantity of

sugar that is being released. The banks give advances and if they come to know that there is any hoarding, they check the accounts. As a result of all that, we know there is no large-scale hoarding of sugar. And the cause, as I have said already is this. In Sholapur and in other parts of South India *gur* price was about Rs. 29 and so everybody would rather like to buy sugar at Rs. 28 or so than purchase *gur* at Rs. 29.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, I have not understood as to how the Reserve Bank advances affect this matter. I should like to ask to whom advances were made, and how the deduction is made that there has not been any hoarding.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: Not by the Reserve Bank. The Banks always finance all the trade—I hope the hon. Member knows that. Now, both the producer and the wholesaler would demand some bank credit on their stocks. This year, the credit is not higher than it used to be in former years. The other point is that when the imported sugar is coming in, if there had been any hoarding, there would have been an attempt to sell it before the imported sugar arrives or before the new production starts.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: But that is, Sir, later on, not now.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Sir, may I know the reason for the exorbitant increase in the price of *gur* in the market now?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: In the Meerut Division last year the crop was a diseased one; therefore, there was a fall in the manufacture of sugar and *gur* in that area. That is the greatest *gur* producing area.

श्री जे० आर० कपूर : इस समय सारे देश में चीनी मिलों की चीनी बनाने की शक्ति कितनी है ?

†[SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: What is the total sugar producing capacity of the sugar mills in the country?]

†English translation of the above.

श्री रफी अहमद किदवाई : प्लानिंग कमीशन ने सन् १९५५ और १९५६ ई० तक १५ लाख टन चीनी बनाने की योजना बनाई थी मगर देश में चीनी मिलों द्वारा यह कोटा पूरा किया जा चुका है। अगर बाज सूरतों में चीनी की कमी न होती तो और भी चीनी तैयार हो सकती थी।

†[SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: The Planning Commission formulated a scheme for producing 15 lakh tons of sugar by 1955 and 1956. This quota has already been produced by the sugar-mills in the country. But for certain factors, the production of sugar would have been much greater.]

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, taking *gur* and sugar together, is it the Government's contention that the total production this year is much less than in previous years?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I said the consumption is higher, not that the production is lower.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Do I understand that, taking *gur* and sugar together, production has not fallen but that consumption only has increased?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: Production of *gur* alone has fallen by six lakh tons according to our estimates, and *khandsari* production has also fallen.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Has there been any decline in the production of sugar cane?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: As I said, in the Meerut Division, which happens to be the largest cane producing area, the cane grown last year was diseased.

SHRI L. H. DOSHI: Since increased production is the sure cure for bringing down prices, what steps do Gov-

ernment propose to take to increase the production of sugar?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: As I said, our plan is to redistribute the factories so that every factory can get the quantity of cane that it requires for crushing into sugar.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Can Government say which is the State in which consumption of sugar has gone up so much by leaps and bounds?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I think, Sir, consumption has gone up in every State, but if the hon. Member puts a question, a reply will be given to it.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: What is the total production of *gur* in the country? The hon. Minister said that there was shortage this year, but what is the normal annual production in the country?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: The normal annual production in 1952 and 1953, as I said, was about 15 lakh tons.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Of what? I am not enquiring about sugar. My enquiry is about the production of *gur* in the country.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I will require notice for that question.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: The hon. Minister said that the price of *gur* rose because there was a shortage of six lakhs of tons in the production. I suppose, therefore, that he knows what the total production of *gur* in the country is.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I presume that we know it. I think that is the presumption that should be drawn from my reply, but I have not got the figure before me except that I remember that the shortage is about

†English translation of the above.

six lakhs of tons. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall endeavour to answer it.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: What was the *per capita* consumption in 1952, and to what extent will the requirements of the consumer be fulfilled after the import of sugar?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: The consumer is getting today all the sugar that he requires and he will continue to get it.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know, Sir, the basis for the discovery of the Government of India after twenty years that sugar cane production in Bihar is not sufficient for the mills there?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: Last year when cane production was higher than in the earlier years, the mills worked for a larger number of days.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Are Government aware that sugar cane production was sufficient for the last twenty years?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: The mills worked for a lesser number of days because cane was exhausted

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL LABOUR INSTITUTE

*100. **SHRI K. C. GEORGE:** Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement under the Technical Co-operation Programme has been signed for the purpose of establishing a Central Labour Institute in India;

(b) if so, whether Government will lay a copy of the agreement on the Table of the Council; and

(c) what will be the functions of the Institute and where it is likely to be located?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the Agreement is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 25.]

(c) It is proposed to set up the Institute in Bombay. The functions of the Institute are detailed in clause 1 of the Agreement.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: On page 3 of the Statement, it is stated: "Any specialists needed from outside India and requested under this project will be furnished by the Technical Co-operation Administration". May I know, Sir, whether we have asked for any specialists and, if so, who they are and whether they have been sent?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is that on page 3 you say "Any specialists needed from outside India and requested under this project will be furnished by the Technical Cooperation Agreement". How many specialists have you sought for and how many have you got?

SHRI ABID ALI: We did not ask for any.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what has up to now been done under this agreement?

SHRI ABID ALI: Sir, we have secured a plot of about ten acres at Bombay. Estimates have been prepared for construction of the building which will cost about Rs. 11 lakhs. Necessary orders have been placed with the United States Government for the supply of the equipment. Two persons have been sent from here to be trained for working in this Institute when it is put into operation.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know who these persons are and what are their qualifications?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: They are not your friends.