

SHRI B. RATH: What is the total amount of rice that is grown in France?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is the institute receiving any assistance from other countries?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Most of the expenditure is met by the F.A.O.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next question.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT MARKET

*632. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the present trend in wheat prices in the international wheat market;

(b) whether India and other consumer countries have any scheme or plan to control the wheat price in the international market; and

(c) how much wheat has been purchased in 1953 from the United States of America and Canada and at what rates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) :
(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) We have so far purchased 4,56,000 tons and 3,50,000 tons from U.S.A. and Canada respectively under the International Wheat Agreement at about \$185 per bushel. In addition we have purchased some 62,000 tons from Canada with the Colombo Plan Funds at an average price of about \$2'15£ per bushel.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact, Sir, that we are paying more than last year?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Not exactly. But the ceiling and floor prices are more.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What does "not exactly" mean? Have we paid more prices?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The ceiling prices last year have been fixed at 180 dollars maximum price and 130 dollars minimum price. Though the ceiling was 180 dollars, we used to get above that. This year the ceiling has been fixed at 2'05 dollars but we may get below that.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Was not a protest raised by the Government of India in respect of raising the ceiling prices of wheat, Sir?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Sir, this has been answered a number of times.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Not on the floor of this House.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: For about three months both the U.K. and India joined together and went into the whole thing and we got down the prices from original quotations.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Has the U.K. not agreed to this?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is the only country which has not agreed.

EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH MINISTRY

*633. SHRI RAHMATH-ULLAH: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state the amounts spent by the Health Ministry on various items under its jurisdiction in the year 1952-53?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHAMJRA-SEKHAR) : The attention of the hon. Member is invited to column 4 (Revised Estimate, 1952-53) on pages 637 to 683 of Volume I and pages 1405 to 1410

of Volume III of the printed book of Demands for Grants, 1953-54, which shows the figures of estimated expenditure during 1952-53 on various items with which the Ministry of Health is concerned. Figures of actual expenditure are not available. They will be available after the accounts of the year 1952-53 are closed and will be given with the demands for grants for 1954-55.

SHRI RAHMATH-ULLAH: Are the institutions going to receive the same help in the year 1953-54 also?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I think those institutions which are under the Central Government will receive the recurring grants and the others are not entitled to receive any recurring grants.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is the allotted as discretionary grant to the Minister for 1952-53?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: :: lakhs, Sir.

DR. P. C. MITRA: And- what is the amount distributed at Bihar out of that fund?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: If there is a separate question on 'Discretionary Grants', I will be able to answer the Member.

EXPORT OF MONKEYS

*634. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total number of monkeys exported from India during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 and the countries to which they were exported?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH) : A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House,

STATEMENT *Export of Monkeys*

| Year (April-March) | No. of Monkeys exported | Name of the countries to which exported. |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1950-51 | 23,257 | United Kingdom, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, W. Germany, Switzerland, Italy, U. S. A. and Palestine- |
| 1951-52 | 47,185 | United Kingdom, Car.; Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, W. Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, U. S. A., Pakistan, Thailand and Poland. |
| 1952-53 | 15,753 | United Kingdom, Singapore, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, W. Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Mozambique, U. S. A., Japan and U. S. A.. |

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Sir, may I know for what purpose these monkeys are exported outside this country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Generally for research.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know which is the country that is importing the maximum number of monkeys from India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I believe it is the U.S.A., because they have got the largest number of research institutions.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know under what conditions these monkeys are being experimented upon in foreign countries to which they are exported?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: If my hon. friend is thinking of any ill-treatment of the animals, I may say that the utmost possible care is taken to treat the animals as humanely as possible.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know if the crania of these monkeys are opened after giving only local anaesthesia and that they remain for nearly six hours under local anaesthesia after opening the crania?