

[Prof. G. Ranga.] Madras or to any Government you might think it necessary, in order to compensate the growers or the producers of sugarcane so that they may be able to get a little more than what the Government wishes to offer them ? Therefore, I would like my friend, the Finance Minister, as well as the whole of this Government, to give the fullest possible consideration to the suggestion and see to it that the House is not obliged once again to throw the blame on them that they have not foreseen these things. They have allowed exports. They have given good prices. All these are desirable objectives. They have tried their best to help the growers also to some extent. Having made these two suggestions, I do not want to say anything more at this stage than that I cannot support the Bill.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI : Sir, I have nothing more to add except that my sympathy goes out to the cultivator. I can give this assurance that the cultivator, as much as any other class, would be given as much benefit as is needed. The question in this case is what the Tariff Board has said. I have already made it clear that the Tariff Board had said that after two or three years after the recommendations were made, the prices would go down to Rs. 1-4-0 and according to the information laid before the House, the development has proceeded as was expected by the Board. Now Sir, my friend has just mentioned a Bill to check further profits being made by the industry by selling sugar at a higher price. This is not possible. If at any time Government find

the prices artificially pushed up, they have a buffer stock of 3 lakh maunds always in their reserve to be thrown into the market as and when they think that the consumer is being exploited or is being made to pay more than what is necessary. Our expectations however are that the sugar prices will go lower than what you expect, and we want price of sugar to go down so that it may be available for exports.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH : On a point of information. Is the Government guaranteeing any price in respect of the future output of sugar from these factories ?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI : There is no price control, but our attempt shall be not to allow sugar prices to rise higher than what our calculations are and, therefore, the guarantee in respect of that will be the buffer stock of about 3 lakh tons.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is :

That the Bill be returned.

(On a division being challenged, a count was taken.)

Ayes : 48.

Noes : 17.

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Bill will be returned*

The council then adjourned till a quarter to eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 2nd December 1952.