

whether Government are granting subsidies to any air transport companies in the current year ; and if so, in what form and for what period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : Yes. Subsidy for the period January to August 1952 will be paid at the rate of 6 annas per gallon of petrol used by airlines on scheduled air services.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : May I know if this is going to be the continuous policy ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Subsidy is likely to be continued until the new set-up comes up.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I know if the subsidy would be continued after the end of the current year ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Sir, I have already said that the whole matter is under consideration.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : Sir, may I know if the subsidy is uniform for all the companies ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Yes, Sir.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Is there any proposal to nationalize air transport companies ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : The nature of the proposals will be known at the appropriate time.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : What does the hon. Minister mean by "changed set-up."

MR. CHAIRMAN : So long as the present set-up continues, there will not be any alteration.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : The Government are considering the reorganization of the whole air transport system.

RESERVATION OF SUGAR FOR EXPORT

*191. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister for Food AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any sugar produced in South India is reserved for export ;

(b) if so, the reasons for such reservation and the quantities of sugar so reserved ; and

(c) if not, the quantities of sugar produced in factories in North India and earmarked or proposed to be earmarked for export ?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI) : (a) No such reservation has been made.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No quantities of sugar have been earmarked for export from North Indian factories also.

CENTRAL OILSEEDS COMMITTEE

*192. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister for Food AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the Central Oilseeds Committee has made any recommendation to Government regarding :

(i) increasing the output of oilseeds ;

(ii) any change in the export policy relating to oilseeds ;

(iii) increasing *per capita* consumption of oilseeds in India ; and

(iv) the imposition of taxes on production and export of oilseeds ?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH) :

(i) In 1948 the Committee made some recommendations for increasing the production of oilseeds in the important oilseeds producing States.

(ii) Since its inception the Committee has been pressing for the prohibition of export of the major oilseeds and encouragement of the export of oils