

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन कम्पनियों को सरकार ने किस मात्रा में एक्सचेंज दिया है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** जो एक जहाज खरीदा गया है वह नान कनवरटिविल रूपी एलोकेशन के तहत खरीदा गया है और इसलिए विदेशी मुद्रा का कोई प्रश्न पैदा नहीं होता ।

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो जहाज खरीदा गया है वह जापान और वैंस्ट जर्मनी के जहाजों से कम कीमतका है या ज्यादा कीमत का है, उनकी कीमतों में क्या फर्क है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** माननीय सदस्य को अनुभव होगा कि विभिन्न जो शिपयार्ड हैं उनके अपने अलग अलग खर्च होते हैं और कीमतें भी अलग अलग होती हैं, और फिर जहाज के स्पेसिफिकेशन पर कीमतों का आधार होता है । इसलिए निश्चय रूप से नहीं कहा जा सकता कि यह जहाज सस्ता है या वह जहाज सस्ता है । लेकिन हम इतना करते हैं कि रग एंड कम्पनी जो हमारे माने हुए इवेल्यूएटर हैं उनसे इवेल्यूएशन करा लेते हैं और उसके बाद मंजूरी देते हैं ।

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know what are the countries from which the Eastern Shipping Corporation and the Western Shipping Corporation have increased their tonnage in the last one year?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have only the Shipping Corporation now. Of course, its predecessors were the Eastern Shipping Corporation and the Western Shipping Corporation. They went, sometimes, to German shipyards; and they also banked upon our own shipyard. In fact, at the moment, we have got 9 orders by the Shipping Corporation of India under execution by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the National Shipping Board, in its Annual Report for 1960-61, points out that Yugoslavia has offered some ships for the coastal trade and this should be pursued by us. What action has been taken?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I think the offer is a part of the credit of 40 million dollars of which 10 million dollars, approximately Rs. 4.7 crores, has been ear-marked for the purchase of ships from Yugoslavia. Whether we will ply them on coastal trade or on the overseas trade is a matter to be decided by the exigencies of the situation confronting the various companies in the public or the private sector.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ये प्राइवेट कम्पनियां जो विदेशों से जहाज खरीदती हैं क्या ये खरीदने से पहले सरकार से भी परामर्श कर लेती हैं या अपने से खरीद लेती हैं और सरकार से कोई परामर्श नहीं करती ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** जी नहीं, सरकार से मंजूरी की जरूरत होती है इसलिए कि जैसा बताया गया कि अगर क्रेडिट का एलोकेशन करना है तो उसके लिए जरूरत होती है, स्पेसिफिकेशन के लिए जरूरत होती है । दिना सरकार की जानकारी से यह सँदा नहीं होता ।

#### Barter Deal with U.S. Government

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{ Shri D. C. Sharma:  
\*658. { Shri R. S. Tiwary:  
          { Shri K. N. Pande:  
          { Shri Balakrishnan:  
          { Shri V. K. Ramaswamy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached with the United States Government for obtaining bales of cotton in exchange for sugar;

(b) if so, the terms and condition of the agreement;

(c) the prices at which sugar and cotton will be sold and purchased by each party; and

(d) the time by which this barter deal would take place?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) U.S.A. has agreed to import 50,000 short tons of sugar during the first half of 1962 against purchase of cotton.

(c) Sugar/cotton are to be sold/purchased at market prices through normal trade channels.

(d) While sugar has to reach U.S.A. by 30th June, 1962, cotton is to be imported by 31st December, 1962.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether these normal trade channels include the State Trading Corporation also or they are only private channels?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** The State Trading Corporation does not come into the picture at all.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What is the amount of cotton that we get in return for the sugar? Will that meet the shortage that we are having in this country?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** The quantity that we would get is about 44,000 bales of long staple cotton. It will not be sufficient to meet our requirements.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any other efforts are made to meet the shortage of cotton in this country?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** That is more concerned with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The shortfall has been placed at about 17 lakh bales and arrangements have, I think, been made to import about 6.5 lakhs of bales.

**Shri Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether the price of cotton that we import from the United States compares favourably with the price of cotton bought from other countries?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** Certainly, Sir; it will stand comparison. We can otherwise import from other countries. We are bound to import only these 44,000 bales.

#### National Highways in Kerala

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\*659. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
      **Shri Imbichibava:**

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the projects under the National Highway Scheme included in the Second Five Year Plan in Kerala;

(b) the amount allotted for the purpose and the amount utilized;

(c) how many of these projects were executed by the end of 1961-62, the first year of the Third Year Plan and how many of them are still incomplete; and

(d) the overall percentage of achievement in Kerala in regard to National Highway development during Second Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 16].

(b) (i) Amount allotted—Rs. 104.95 lakhs.

(ii) Amount utilised—Rs. 83.52 lakhs.

(c) (i) 24 works have been executed.

(ii) 38 works are in progress.

(d) 80 per cent.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** In the statement it is said that some works were carried over from the First Plan to the Second Plan.