

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** At the present moment, sugar export has been banned.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, the reasons for banning sugar export at present?

**Shri Kidwai:** The rising prices in the country.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Why have the prices gone up recently?

**Shri Kidwai:** People or traders were thinking that by export the surplus will go away and therefore they would be able to make some profit.

#### KANDLA PORT

\*236. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Kandla Port Development Project;

(b) whether the entire cost will be borne by the Government of India; and

(c) when is that project likely to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The total cost of the Kandla Port Project is estimated at Rs. 12.95 crores.

(b) Yes.

(c) The project is expected to be completed by March, 1956.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether the actual construction work of that Port has started?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes, Sir. The contract has been finalised and the work has been given.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Which are the firms which have been entrusted with the task of constructing that Port?

**Shri Alagesan:** They are Messrs. Heinrich Butzer of Dortmund in association with Messrs. Mckenzie Ltd. of India. These firms are associated with Messrs. Sindhu Resettlement Corporation. All these three firms have formed into a private limited company and the work is entrusted to them.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Do Government contemplate the creation of port facilities for an oil refinery there?

**Shri Alagesan:** No oil refinery is going to be located there.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** What is the size of the berth to be built there?

**Shri Alagesan:** These are details.

**Shri Gidwani:** Will Government consider the advisability of starting an oil refinery there?

**Shri Alagesan:** No such proposal is under consideration.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know, Sir, if a berth with a capacity of 40,000 tonnage is going to be built in the same port?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member is giving information.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** We have heard a rumour that a berth capable of handling 40,000 shipping tonnage is going to be built there.

**Shri Alagesan:** I can give details for which provision has been made in Kandla port. They are: a cargo jetty, transit sheds with ample open stacking areas in between, a separate berth for bulk cargo, double storeyed warehouses, a bund, i.e. tidal basin for lighters and country craft and a heavy lift berth and oil berth, floating dry dock for port craft and dredger and landing stages for passenger launches plying between Navlakhi and Kandla.

**Shri Gidwani:** Will Government declare it a free port after it is constructed so that it may develop rapidly?

**Shri Alagesan:** That is a different question. It is not under consideration just at present.

#### TUBERCULOSIS

\*237. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**

(a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the views expressed on the increase of tuberculosis in India, during discussions at the recent session of the All-India Medical Conference?

(b) Have Government taken note of the causes attributed in the course of the Conference for the existence of tuberculosis?

(c) Did the Conference make any suggestions for the fight against tuberculosis?

(d) What steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) As far as the Government are aware the All-

India Medical Conference held at Patna did not express any views in the matter.'

(b) The question does not arise. Moreover the Government are themselves fully aware of existing conditions.

(c) Not so far as Government are aware.

(d) Does not, therefore, arise.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May we know, Madam.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have not yet become a Madam.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May we know, Sir, whether Government have considered one of the decisions of this conference that the old process of hospitalisation is not of much significance, and have they proposed that there should be immediate provision for free mass X-ray in all the important towns and sub-divisional towns? May we know if Government propose to give effect to this in any way?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** Sir, as a matter of fact when I rang up the Secretary of the All-India Medical Association yesterday he said that no resolution had been passed on TB at all. But the proposal that has been read out by the hon. Member is already under the consideration of Government inasmuch as all State Governments have been informed that this would be one way of tackling the problem. It is all a question of how much money is available.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May we know, Sir, whether under the integrated health programme of the village community plans there is any proposal to have anti-TB clinics and free X-ray sets?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** No, Sir; not under the Community Projects.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May we know, whether there is any other plan which is being undertaken by the Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Sir, Health is a subject in which the States are autonomous. They are doing a great deal by way of TB preventive measures such as BCG, increase in the number of beds and ancillary treatment. All these measures are being carried out to the extent possible.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May we know if the Central Government propose to give any help to the States in this direction?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The Central Government is giving a great deal of help, e.g. in BCG campaign and the TB Seals campaign which has also been started by the Centre; 94 per cent. of the proceeds of the campaign goes to the States.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Planning Commission did not consult the Indian Medical Association in formulating anti-TB and other health measures?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Sir, that question might be referred to the Planning Commission.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that in the Patna Conference a resolution was passed regretting that the Planning Commission did not consult the Medical Association for such purposes, including control of tuberculosis?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The question refers to the Planning Commission and not to the Central Ministry of Health.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** With reference to (b), may I know, Sir, whether Government have started or intend to start research on epidemiology of tuberculosis under Indian conditions?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Sir, a great deal of research has already been done and is being carried out also.

#### B. C. G. VACCINATION

\*238. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what are the plans of Government for implementing the programme of B.C.G. vaccination in the year 1953?

(b) How many persons have already been vaccinated till now and how many more are estimated to be covered by the end of this year?

(c) Are Government aware of the controversy that exists among doctors on the efficacy of B.C.G.?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 34.]

(b) Up to the 31st December, 1952, over 1.3 crores of people were tuberculin tested and over 40 lakhs were B.C.G. vaccinated. It is expected that 3 crores and 1 crore respectively will have been tuberculin tested and B.C.G. vaccinated by the end of 1953.