

- (3) Anti-Plague Inoculations.
- (4) Treatment of cases.
- (5) Investigations.
- (6) Health Education.

The Governments of Mysore, Madras and Andhra Pradesh have also been advised to work in collaboration and to take intensified action to stamp out plague foci in those States.

Price of Sugar

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- *46. { Shri Umanath;
Shri S. M. Banerjee;
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that price of sugar showed an upward trend in some of the States in September, 1962;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the same; and

(d) the additional quantity of sugar, if any, released for different States?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There was a small rise in prices.

(c) and (d). A special release of 82,000 metric tons was given on 5th September and another release of 2.5 lakh metric tons was given on 14th September, 1962.

Shri Umanath: May I know whether after the issue of this stock prices have come down and if so to what extent and also the States in which this has been released?

Shri Shinde: The prices have come down by between Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per maund. That means the entire difference has been wiped out now and the present prices prevailing in different States are more or less on a level prevailing at the time of control.

Shri Umanath: May I know States where these stocks have been released?

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Shri Shinde: This is the position practically in all the States except some pockets in the country.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Is the hon. Minister aware that the retail prices in some of the States, especially in some of the towns of Uttar Pradesh, have been increased by two annas per seer?

Shri Shinde: According to the information available with the Government, at present, at least in the month of October, this has not been the state of affairs.

India's Best Village

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- *47. { Shri Shree Narayan Das;
Shri Bibhuti Mishra;
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any nationwide competition for adjudging India's best village during 1961-62;

(b) if so, the name and locality of the best village so adjudged;

(c) what are the special features of the said village which led to this result; and

(d) what prize has been given?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Village Sarsa, Block Fatehpur Sikri, District Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The outstanding feature of this village was that it achieved an average production of 39 mds. of wheat per acre through effective production planning, community effort and constant follow up. The entire village was covered with improved seed. The percentage of overdues to the village cooperative was nil.

(d) Rs. 5,000.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know what were the criteria laid down for this competition?

Shri B. S. Murthy: The main criterion is increase in production especially on items like agriculture, irrigation, co-operation, animal husbandry and allied items.

Shri Shee Narayan Das: What was the number of villages that were taken into consideration?

Shri B. S. Murthy: The competition is among all the States. Therefore, one village from each State will be competing at the national level competition.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : इस कम्पीटीशन में पैकेज प्रोग्राम के कितने गांव थे और कितने ऐसे थे जो नान-पैकेज प्रोग्राम के थे ? साथ ही मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन पैकेज प्रोग्राम के गांवों ने कम्पीटीशन में भाग लिया, उन पर सरकार का कितना खर्चा हुआ ?

Shri B. S. Murthy: There is no difference between package districts and non-package districts. It is the State that will select a certain village as the best in the State and here, at the Centre, we will adjudge the performance of each village as recommended by each State.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether it is a fact that the second best village, which should have been the first, was in Bihar and it could not become first because wrong figures were given by the State Government?

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I request the hon. Member to lodge the complaint with the State Government?

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The point is whether the Central Government is fit and efficient to judge the statistics.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know what prize was awarded to this village and whether this competition is held annually or every six months?

Shri B. S. Murthy: I have already said that the prize given was Rs. 5,000. It is an annual competition.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि विल्लेजिज का चुनाव करने में कितना व्यय हुआ ? अलावा प्राइज देने के, विल्लेज को पहले चुनने में कितना खर्चा हुआ ?

Shri B. S. Murthy: I do not think there will be much expenditure because at the block level the block-level people will do the thing, at the district level the district officers will do it and at the State level the State people will do it. We only invite certain panches or sarpanches concerned and for that very little money is spent.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: What was the common driving force behind this achievement; was it a governmental agency or a non-governmental agency?

Shri B. S. Murthy: Combined agency.

Shri K. C. Pant: May I know if the success or failure of the family planning programme in the village was also a criterion in determining the best village?

Shri B. S. Murthy: So far, family planning has not been included as one of the main items but the persons who are there will also take this into consideration.

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