

LOK SABHA

Monday, November 12, 1962/ Kartika
21, 1884 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rise in Prices

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh
Siddhanti:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Dr. P. Mandal:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
*129. { Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Daji:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Mohsin:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri S. B. Patil:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Kajrolkar:

Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
Shri Tan Singh:
Shri Warrior:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Planning be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commis-
sion has decided to return to the
scheme of licensing wholesale dealers
in essential commodities as a step to
check rise in prices;

(b) if so, what steps have been
taken in pursuance of this decision;
and

(c) what other measures have been
evolved by the Commission to arrest
the rise in prices of essential com-
modities?

The Deputy Minister in the Minis-
try of Labour and Employment and
for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi
Raman): (a) to (c). Attention is
invited to the Statement placed on
the Table of the Lok Sabha on
November 10, 1962.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know
whether any specific measures have
been taken by the Government to
check the rise in prices in border
States and to regulate and maintain
the supply to the border States?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: All
these are measures which are being
examined and steps are taken as and
when they become necessary.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: The Minister of Planning, Labour and Employment declared in the House on the 10th November, 1962 that a high level committee would be appointed to hold the price-line. May I know what will be the composition of the Committee and whether it will include any non-official members?

Mr. Speaker: Why should he anticipate it? Government will do all that in time.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार ने खास कर इस इमरजेंसी में मिट्टी के तेल के दाम न बढ़ने देने के लिय कोई कदम उठाए हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जो मेजर सरकार ने लिए हैं वे तो सुना दिए गए हैं ।

The Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri Nanda): I have also indicated that further consideration is being given to other articles which are not included in that statement.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि मन्त्री महोदय ने जो प्राइस कंट्रोल के सम्बन्ध में घोषणा की थी उसके परिपालन के लिय क्या व्यवस्था बनायी गयी है, और वह कब तक अमल में आ जाएगी ?

श्री नन्दा : अमल में लाने के लिय आगे ही कदम उठाया जा चुका है ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what steps will the Government take to control the retail prices of consumer goods?

Shri Nanda: In that statement, I set out certain proposals for the establishment of central stores and primary consumers' stores. That is one of the measures. It was also indicated that the retail dealers will be asked to display the prices of the commodities which are sold in the shops. There are other measures also.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : माननीय मन्त्री जी ने परसों विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा था;

उसमें बताया गया था कि एक कमेटी नियुक्त की जा रही है । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह कमेटी केवल सिफारिश करेगी या इसे कोई निर्णय लेने का अधिकार भी दिया जाएगा ?

श्री नन्दा : निर्णय तो कैबिनेट ही कर सकती है, उसकी तो सिफारिशें ही होंगी ।

Shri S. C. Samanta: From the statement, I find that the stores will be opened mostly in towns. May I know what arrangements have been made for the rural areas?

Shri Nanda: In the rural areas, the problem is not of the same kind. These shops will not necessarily be in very big cities or very large towns. They can also be in smaller towns.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: From the statement it appears that the Minister is very optimistic about the response from trade and industry regarding prices. In view of the past experience in other countries....

Mr. Speaker: Is she going to give a pessimistic point about it?

Shrimati Renuka Ray: I mean the forward areas, particularly in border areas like Assam and West Bengal. Would it not be necessary to take effective measures immediately to prevent the sort of things that might take place?

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion for action.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: I want to know if any steps are being taken.

Mr. Speaker: The first question that was put is a suggestion. Now, the question whether any steps are being taken may be answered.

Shri Nanda: The steps to be taken will be necessarily in proportion to the need. Since the need is greater there, certainly more intensive steps will be taken.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: What steps have been taken to keep sufficient stocks in the frontier areas to keep the prices down?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Sufficient stocks are being kept in places where there are godowns. In regard to the wholesale shops, wholesale and central stores will cover every town with a population of one lakh or more.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि क्या यह सरकार की जानकारी में है कि मोटर पार्ट्स विशेषकर जीप और ट्रक के पार्ट्स

अध्यक्ष महोदय : तफसील में जाने की जरूरत नहीं है। आप प्राइस कंट्रोल के बारे में जनरली सवाल कर सकते हैं। अगर एक-एक चीज के बारे में सवाल करेंगे तो बहुत लम्बा हो जाएगा।

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : इस संकट काल में इन चीजों के भाव १०० गुने और १५० गुने बढ़ गए हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : ऐसी कोई चीज हो सकती है।

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The hon. Minister is reported to have stated that the Bharat Sevak Samaj will be used to smash profiteering. May I know what the Bharat Sevak Samaj has done in this matter and how it is geared up for this purpose?

Shri Nanda: I welcome this opportunity to clear some things which are not true at all. Any reports might appear in the papers. Reverting to the earlier question, about the pessimistic view of what is going to happen, I had said that action should be taken against the profiteers and black-marketeers. That was misinterpreted in certain quarters. There is no question of either pessimism or optimism. We must take action suited to the conditions.

Shri Warior: May I know whether, apart from the Central Government's action, the State Governments have taken any action and reported it to the Centre, namely, about the rise in prices and measures to check it?

Shri Nanda: The State Governments necessarily have to put the policies into operation in their own areas.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: One of the causes that lead to a rise in price is the speculation in foodgrains. May I know whether the Government is going to stop speculation in foodgrains?

Shri Nanda: These are other aspects of price policy which are certainly going to be carried out.

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती : क्या सरकार को इस तबाका बोध है, नाम चाहे न बताएं, कि किस किस पदार्थ की कीमत बढ़ी है और उसको रोकने का क्या उपाय किया जा रहा है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जो उपाय किए गए हैं व बताए गए।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : डिफेंस आफ इंडिया क्लब के मातहत कितने मुनाफाखोरों को पकड़ा गया ?

(कोई उत्तर नहीं दिया गया)

M.Ps' Delegation to Ladakh

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- Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
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- Shri P. Venkatasubbalah
- Shri Lakhmu Bhawani:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Parliamentary