

**Milk Supplied by D.M.S.**

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\*795. { **Shri D. D. Mantri:**  
       **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
       **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
       **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**

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

(a) whether the milk supplied by Delhi Milk Supply Scheme on the 16th and 19th March, 1963 emitted obnoxious odour; and

(b) the steps taken to supply pure milk?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde):** (a) No. Except for a small number of bottles of cow milk, which had an off flavour, the entire quantity of buffalo, cow and toned milk sold on 16th and 19th March, 1963, aggregating to 1,36,163 and 1,38,431 litres respectively, was of satisfactory chemical, bacteriological and organoleptic quality.

(b) Delhi Milk Scheme has all along supplied only pure milk of various kinds.

**श्री द्वारका दास मंत्री :** माननीय मंत्री महोदय के बयान से पता चलता है कि गाय का दूध जो अशुद्ध था, वह तर्कसंगत कर दिया गया था। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि अशुद्ध दूध क्यों तर्कसंगत किया गया ?

**Shri Shinde:** The hon. Member's statement that impure milk was distributed is not correct. The milk is pasteurised and it is distributed only after pasteurisation.

**Shri Tyagi:** Is water mixed?

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या यह सही है कि दूध ७२ घंटे के बाद सफ़ाई किया जाता है और उस वक्त दूध के सब विटामिन्स मर जाते हैं और सिर्फ़ दूध की लाश ही बाकी रह जाती है ?

**Shri Shinde:** The buffalo milk which is collected from centres round about Delhi is distributed not after 44 hours as has been alleged by the hon. Member but much earlier. Of course, the cow milk which is received from Bikaner is distributed between 24 to 36 or 40 hours, but that is kept under chilled conditions, and according to internationally accepted hygienical standards that is fit for human consumption and also of good quality.

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि दूध खराब नहीं था। सड़ा हुआ नहीं था। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किस आधार पर सरकार इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँची कि वह खराब या सड़ा हुआ नहीं था ? समाचारपत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ था और हम लोगों का खुद का अनुभव भी यह था कि कई दिनों तक खराब दूध सफ़ाई किया गया।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** अगर समाचारों पर माननीय सदस्य ज्यादा प्रतिक्रिया करते हैं तो फिर आप पूछें नहीं और अगर पूछते हैं तो जवाब दिया जाता है उसको आप स्वोकार करें।

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** मैंने पूछा था कि किस आधार पर सरकार इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँची थी ?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** The allegation that it was spoilt milk is not correct. In fact, I made a thorough enquiry into this allegation, because some reports had appeared in the letters to the editor column of certain papers that the milk distributed from certain booths was not of satisfactory quality. I also received some complaints from some of my colleagues in Parliament. I made a thorough enquiry, and I found that as far as the bulk of supplies of buffalo milk, toned milk and a major portion of cow milk were concerned, there was absolutely no complaint. But regarding the distribution of certain bottles of cow's milk

there have been complaints. It happened like this. Bottles of cow milk were filled from a bottle-filler which had previously been used for filling bottles of flavoured milk. So, there has been that impurity of the flavour of the essence in the milk which was distributed in certain bottles.

Then, there was also another thing. The cow milk is what we receive from Bikaner. And on the *Purnima* and *Amavasya* days, they do not supply milk. Therefore, we have to have some buffer stock, but we do not keep it for more than 24 hours, and this buffer stock which should not have been kept for more than 24 hours before being issued somehow happened to be kept for more than 24 hours and it happened to be distributed. Enquiries have been conducted, and the responsibilities are also being fastened. With regard to the quality, there is a very good machinery both at the time the milk is received and after pasteurisation to see that the quality is ensured.

#### Development of Plans of Railways

**\*798. Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some changes are likely to be affected in the development plans of the railways in view of the emergency; and

(b) if so, the extent to which and the lines on which such changes are contemplated?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1093/63].

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** From the statement, I find that there is no curtailment contemplated but adjustments will be made. May I know whether in making these adjustments zonal interests will be kept in view or whether these adjustments will be made at the cost of zonal interests?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** It will be the national interest that will be kept predominant.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Shipping Companies

**\*789. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 274 on the 30th April, 1962 regarding loans advanced to the Shipping Companies and state:

(a) the amounts if any overdue for payment with reasons therefor; and

(b) the increase in shipping capacity is promised by the Companies and the schedule for the same?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) There is no amount overdue for payment by the Shipping Development Fund Committee to the Shipping Companies. The Committee pays loan instalments as and when they fall due and the necessary formalities are completed by the borrowers.

(b) The tonnage already added or to be added with the help of the loans sanctioned/promised but not yet paid is about 3,68,000 GRT which is expected to be completed by the end of the Third Plan.

##### Hopper Wagons on Southern Railway

**\*791. Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great shortage of Hopper wagons on the Southern Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ballasting of the Railway track is impeded due to this shortage; and

(c) when the additional Hopper wagons will be supplied?