

क्या उस पुल के किनारे को चौड़ा करने की किसी व्यवस्था पर विचार किया जा रहा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : उम्मीद की जाती है कि जो ट्रेफिक वर्तमान यमुन पुल पर है वह ट्रेफिक वजीराबाद और हुमायूँ के मकबरे के पास बन रहे पुलों की ओर डाइवर्ट कर दिया जाएगा और इस से दिल्ली के यमुना पुल पर ट्रेफिक का प्रेशर काफी कम हो सकेगा ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि परसों २४ तारिख को इतवार के दिन इस पुल पर जो पुलिस खड़ी थी उस ने सुबह आठ बजे से लेकर दो बजे तक इस नाव के नये बने हुए पुल को बंद रक्खा क्या ऐसा उसने सिर्फ अपनी पुलिस शाही दिखाने के लिए और जनता को तंग करने करने के लिए किया ?

श्री राज बहादुर : मैं नहीं समझता कि पुलिस ने बिना वजह पुल को बंद किया होगा । मेरे नोटिस में कम से कम यह चीज नहीं है ।

Prices of Agricultural Products

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 Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri Rameshwar Prasad
 Singh:
 Shri Heda:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri P. R. Patel:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri Ram Hark Yadav:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Board to advise the Cabinet from time to time regarding the fixation of prices of agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details about the Board and the number of the Members thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Board will be assigned the responsibility of fixing the prices of industrial products besides the agricultural products; and

(d) when the said Board is likely to be set up and the reaction of the cultivators in regard thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (d). No decision has been arrived at on the question of setting up an advisory committee or a Board on agricultural prices.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: This question of price fixation for agricultural products has been under the consideration of the Government for a very long time. I would like to know the main difficulties that come in the way of reaching a decision at an early date.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is true that it is under the consideration of the Government since the 24th November, 1959 and the matter was taken up to the Cabinet in September 1962. Later on it was dropped temporarily but recently in February 1963 the panel on agriculture suggested that an advisory committee for determining the prices of agricultural commodities should be set up and it is also under examination of the Ministry whether an agricultural commodities board should be set up to regulate the wholesale prices and for supervising the activities of the wholesale and retail trade. This is under active consideration.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: In view of the fact that such an agency does not exist at present and may not also exist in the near future, what is the procedure adopted for the fixation of prices at present?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We have taken a decision in regard to procurement price of rice and the floor price for wheat has also been announced. About jute and cotton, floor price has been announced and is already under operation. For jute, the price of Assam bottom has been announced.

Shri Ranga: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister said the other day that thereafter agriculture will be producer orientated and not consumer orientated, how is it that till now the decision which was supposed to have been taken then in 1959 has not come to be implemented. We are thankful for the information the hon. Minister has given in regard to the progress or failure of that proposal. At what stage this declaration of 'producer-orientated' policy should be understood to be at present? Is it at the stage of the Ministry concerned or of the Cabinet or some sub-committee of the Cabinet?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: This announcement was made, as you know, in reply to the debate on the Demands for the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and I think the Ministry will succeed in getting implemented that announcement in toto and we will implement that.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या में जान सकता हूँ कि इस सिलसिले में कृषि उत्पादन के लागत-खर्च का अध्ययन करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : कृषि-उत्पादन के लागत खर्च का अध्ययन करने के लिए चार राज्यों में छानबीन कराई जा रही है और उस का कुछ ज्यादा व्यापक रूप से अध्ययन अगले दिनों में कराया जायगा ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: The real problem is not only to fix the price of agricultural commodities but also to link it up with the industrial commodities. May I know if the Ministry of Food and Agriculture is entering into any negotiations with the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry so that the overall question of prices may be decided?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We are in constant touch with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in regard to the prices of cash crops, particularly, jute, cotton, etc. and we do see that the price of raw jute and raw cotton is linked up with the price of manufactured goods and if there has been any anomaly it shall be our endeavour to see that some sort of good and real parity is maintained.

श्री रामशेखर प्रसाद सिंह: में यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वे कौन से चार राज्य हैं, जहाँ इस बारे में छानबीन कराई जा रही है ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : पंजाब, गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र और आन्ध्र में दो साल से अध्ययन कराया जा रहा है ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इस बोर्ड में किस तरह के लोग रखे गए हैं ? क्या पालयामेंट के मेम्बर भी इस में शामिल हैं ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : अभी बोर्ड बना नहीं है, लेकिन बनाते वक्त इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायेगा ।

Shri S. S. More: With a view to fix remunerative prices, have the Government issued orders for the collection of accurate and reliable data and, if so, on what crops?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: No general order has been issued, but in the coming months and years we shall examine how best to collect the data.

श्री देवराव शि० वाटिल : क्या प्लानिंग कमीशन ने फसलों के उत्पादन-व्यय की जांच करने के लिए एक समिति के संगठन की सिफारिश की है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो दूसरा सवाल है ।