

retail market. The only answer to that now, tomorrow and the day after would be the same, namely opening more fair price shops. There is no other answer.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Cheap rice is not available in the fair price shops.

• **Shri S. K. Patil:** It is available. We are satisfied, and we have no complaint from the State Government that rice is not available in the fair price shop.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह सही है कि पिछले साल बंगाल बिहार, उड़ीसा और आसाम में एक जैसा पानी हुआ और एक जैसा धान हुआ और क्या यह सही है कि बंगाल उड़ीसा और आसाम में चावल ट्रेड वालों ने छिपा कर रखा है, जिस से स्केसिटी पैदा हो गई है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: With regard to hoarding by the trade, having regard to the returns that we get from the licensed wholesale dealers and the reports of market arrivals, there has not been any undue hoarding on the part of the traders. There are reports that at the producers level some hoarding is being done.

Shri Ranga: Let us get into the proper perspective. Is it not a fact that in most of the other States, barring these two States of Assam and Bengal, which are also very important, the situation is not so unsatisfactory?

Shri S. K. Patil: I am told that in the Southern States the price has not risen at all. It is only a question of some of the States where there has been shortfall, and adjoining States, like Bengal, in this lean season. When the new crops arrive in five or six weeks, this question would not arise.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

श्री बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा सवाल बहुत जरूरी था ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब माननीय सदस्य माफ़ करें। मैं उन को अगली बार मौका दूंगा ।

श्री बागड़ी : मैं बीस दफा खड़ा हुआ था ।

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): Questions 4 and 11 are on co-operative farming. If you permit, I will read both the answers.

Mr. Speaker: He may answer both.

Co-operative Farming Societies

*4. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether study teams of M.Ps. have recently gone into the working of the Co-operative Farming Societies;

(b) if so, what are their main recommendations; and

(c) what action is being initiated to implement them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the observations of the Study Teams is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. see No. LT-1368/63].

(c) The recommendations have been brought to the notice of the state governments for appropriate action.

Co-operative Farming

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*11. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of **Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to organise pilot projects for encouraging co-operative farming; and