

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

New Credit Scheme for Farmers

- *100. { Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

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

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new credit scheme i.e., the repayment of credit in the shape of grain at harvest time instead of cash to help the farmers;

(b) if so, when this scheme will be introduced; and

(c) whether details of this scheme have been worked out and if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Milk Prices

- *101. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Y. D. Singh:

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

(a) whether the prices of milk supplied by the Delhi Milk Scheme have been raised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that cow and buffalo milk bottles of half-a-litre quantity have been priced at 35 paise whereas a quarter-litre bottle of cow milk costs 22 paise as compared to buffalo milk which costs 18 paise; and

(d) if so, the reason for this disparity in the price of quarter-litre bottles of cow and buffalo milk as also for selling the cow-milk at the same rate as buffalo milk in half-litre bottles?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Jomasi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to increase in purchase price of raw milk, it was considered necessary to increase the sale price of processed milk.

(c) No; the price of half-litre bottle of cow/buffalo milk is 35 paise and of $\frac{1}{4}$ litre bottle 18 paise. There is no difference in this regard between cow and buffalo milk.

(d) Does not arise.

Escape of Mr. Walcott

*102. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 932 on the 7th April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the investigation to further enquire into the escape of Mr. Walcott has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the upshot thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No, Sir; but an interim report has been submitted which is under examination.

(b) Does not arise.

Collision of Harbour Launch with Navy Ship

- *103. { Shri Yamuna Prasad
Mandal:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri N. P. Yadav:
Shrimati Akkamma Devi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:

Shri Hukam Chand

Kachhavaiya:

Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten persons including eight women lost their lives, when a motor launch sank after colliding with the Navy ship 'Betwa' about one mile off the Bombay harbour on the 10th May, 1964;

(b) whether any enquiry has been held in the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. M. L. "Sultani" collided with I. N. S. "Betwa" on the 10th May, 1964. According to the police records, 10 persons i.e., 9 passengers (4 Males and 5 Females) and 1 crew are dead or missing.

(b) and (c). A preliminary inquiry into this casualty by the Mercantile Marine Department, Bombay, is in progress.

Price of Wheat

*104 { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Daji:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Yamuna Prasad
Mandal:
Shri N. P. Yadab:
Shrimati Akkamma Devi:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) whether Government have informed the wheat producing States that while the floor price of wheat has been fixed at Rs. 14 per maund, it is not intended to stabilise wheat price at this level;

(b) whether the Central Government is ready to encourage limited State Trading in wheat; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to ensure that the dealers sell wheat at not more than the maximum price, to be announced later on?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of India will have no objection to a State Government purchasing wheat during the post-harvest period for distribution within the State or, if the quantity purchased is found surplus to the needs of that State, for supply to deficit States subject to the concurrence of the Central Government being taken and prices being suitable.

(c) The question of fixing maximum prices and its enforcement are under consideration.

Shortfall in Milk Supply

Shri Heda:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Shivaji Rao S.
Deshmukh:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Yamuna Prasad
Mandal:
*105. { Shri N. P. Yadab:
Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Y. D. Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Chuni Lal:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaiya:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:

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

(a) the reasons for the shortfall in the supply of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) whether this shortfall was not foreseen;

(c) if so, the steps taken to build up additional sources of supply of milk; and

(d) when Government expect to supply milk to an adequate extent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.