

12.00 hrs.

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

दनस्पति मिलों का बन्द किया जाना

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S.N.Q. 8. { श्री हुकम चन्द कछराय :  
श्री वी. चं. शर्मा :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात सरकार मूंगफली के निर्यात पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाये जाने के कारण उत्तर भारत की छः प्रमुख दनस्पति मिलें बन्द हो गयी हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि गुजरात सरकार द्वारा प्रतिबन्ध लगाये जाने के फलस्वरूप तिल और सरसों के तेल की कीमतें काफी बढ़ गयी हैं जिससे भविष्य में शुद्ध घी के भाव पर भी असर पड़गा ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है कि उक्त मिलें बन्द न हों ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Four Vanaspati factories in North India have temporarily suspended production, two on the 13/14th of September and two on the 20/21st September for want of oil.

(b) The price of til oil in Delhi has remained fairly constant during recent months. There has, however, been some increase in the price of mustard oil due to the difficult supply position resulting from the shortfall in the current year's mustard crop.

(c) Export of groundnut and other edible oils has been banned. To augment the oil supplies available to the Vanaspati industry, import of 75,000

tonnes of soyabean oil from the U.S.A. under P.L. 480 is being negotiated.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछराय : क्या यह सही है कि सरकार के द्वारा निर्यात बन्द करने के कारण दूसरी चीजों पर भी असर पड़ा है और दिल्ली में ही घी के भाव में वृद्धि हुई है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As I have already stated, when we found the difficult supply position, we banned the export of groundnut oil. This is only a temporary phenomenon because by the 15th October the new crop will start arriving and then the situation is bound to improve.

Mr. Speaker: Has there really been an increase in the price of pure ghee as a consequence of this?

Shri C. Subramaniam: No, Sir; not much of an increase. According to the figures available with me, it is constant at Rs. 7.50 per kilo.

श्री बड़े : क्या यह सच है कि शासन ने अपने यहां आयल के उत्पादन का ध्यान न रखते हुए 22 हजार टन आयल बर्मा में भेजा है, जिसके कारण डकड़ित हो गया है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Some export has taken place during this year and if that had been available naturally, to that extent the position would have been more favourable. But exports also have to take place for the purpose of earning some foreign exchange because there is pressure on foreign exchange also.

Shri Jashvant Mehta: May I know whether this year there has been a rise in prices of groundnut oil due to the export of oil and whether the Government will tell us that in future their policy will be to see that there is no wide disparity between the price which agriculturists receive and what the consumers pay and that the agriculturists get a remunerative price and the consumers also get it at a cheaper rate?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Nowadays, the market prices are very well paid.

lished and the producers are also becoming conscious of the price which they are entitled to get. In addition to that, the Government are trying to ensure that producers are able to get prices which they are entitled to taking into account the consumers' price.

**Shri Jashvant Mehta:** What about their future policy?

**Mr. Speaker:** The policy would be studied at some other time.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:** May I know if the increase in price of vanaspati is not only due to the rise in the price of groundnut oil but also the monopolistic attitude of the vanaspati licence holders in not allowing the idle capacity to work and if that is so whether the Government is going to revise the policy and encourage such of the people who want to set up vanaspati factories?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Now, as a matter of fact, the vanaspati factories are not working to full capacity for want of oil. If oil is available, certainly they will work to the optimum capacity.

**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :** अर्घ्यस्य महोदय, पहले बहुत बार कहा जा चुका है कि वनस्पति घी में कोई रंग मिलाया जाये। सरकार की ओर से यह उत्तर मिलता था कि ऐसा कोई रंग उपलब्ध नहीं है। इस समय वनस्पति घी में पीला रंग मिलाया जा रहा है। क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पीला रंग किस लिये मिलाया जा रहा है ?

**अर्घ्यस्य महोदय :** माननीय सदस्य को बूझी होनी चाहिए कि उन का रंग मिलाया जा रहा है।

**श्री दागड़ी :** क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस तरफ़ गया है कि तिलहनों पर जो सट्टा चलता है, उस की वजह से ये कीमतें बढ़ रही हैं ?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** With regard to speculation, that is why forward trading was banned during this crisis.

Now, in view of the better prospects, the forward trading has been allowed in the case of groundnut and groundnut oil because that will also have an influence on the price. As a matter of fact, after the forward trading has been opened, the prices have come down a little.

**Shri P. R. Patel:** I am of the opinion that there should be no zonal restrictions. However, even though the zonal restriction on groundnut oil was put by Gujarat State, it is not able to give more than 100 grams per head and is it a fact . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order; first a speech and then a question. He first stated his opinion; his opinion is not to come now.

**Shri P. R. Patel:** Even though there are restrictions on export, the distribution of oil in Gujarat is not more than 100 grams per head. Is that a fact?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** If the hon. Member wants to inform the House that in spite of that prohibition of the export from Gujarat there is still scarcity, that is the information I have received.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** Another factor contributing to the high cost of vanaspati is also adulteration before hydrogenation. Why does not the Government propose to stop it at the stage of purification of oil before hydrogenation?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion.

#### Food Situation in Kerala

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S.N.Q. 9. { **Shri Maniyangadan:**  
**Shri Umanath:**  
**Shri Imbichibava:**  
**Shri Koya:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

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

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is an