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complaint has been that it has been booked to Madras first and then from Madras to Kerala, because the price is not being maintained in Kerala. Therefore, the traders have all the inducement to move the rice to Kerala rather than to keep it in Madras.

Shri Koya: Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that rice from Calicut and other places was taken to Mangalore in Mysore State?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not think that the Kerala rice moves to Mangalore. As a matter of fact, from the Central stocks we allotted some quantity to Mangalore, and that is moved. But that has nothing to do with Kerala rice.

Shri P. Kunhan: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that despite the price control, rice is sold at Rs. 125 to 130 per bag, and if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not think that this figure is correct. But I do know that the reports are that the rice is selling at more than the controlled price, at about Rs. 10 more per quintal, but not to the extent to which the hon. Member has mentioned.

Shri S. M. Bane-jee: May I know whether it is a fact that every year in the State of Kerala especially in some of the districts such scarcity conditions are experienced by the people, and if so, whether there is any scheme with the Government, long-term as well as short-term, to overcome this difficulty, and if so, the salient features thereof?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Taking into account the continuing difficult position in Kerala every year, we supply to almost every family a minimum quantity. That quantity has been doubled now, and during the more critical period of June-July-August, four times the usual quantity was being supplied to each family.

Therefore, we have taken that into account. That is why an informal rationing exists there throughout the year.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: This is about the short-term. What about longterm measures, land reforms and other things to be done? Let him say something about that.

Mr. Speaker: For long-term measures, he wants time.

**Shri Warior:** Is Government intending to send any wheat to make **up** the shortage there?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Unfortunately, there is resistance to wheat in Kerala. As a matter of fact, we tried it. But somehow in Kerala they prefer only rice.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarity: They cannot take wheat because of high prices.

मी प्र० के० देवः मी कपूर सिंहः भी बूटा सिंहः भी द्वेम्ब्रेजील गप्तः

क्या खाद्य तथा क्रुवि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली दुग्ध बोजना के ग्रग्तगंत टोन्ड दूध के स्थान पर दूध का पाउडर घोल कर दिया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या दूध लेने वालों को यह बात बता दी गई है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कुछ दिन पहले टोन्ड दूध की बोतल में एक कीड़ा (टिड्डी) पाया गया ग्रौर दिल्ली नगर निगम के एक सदस्य ने संबंधित ग्रधिकारियों का घ्यान इस ग्रोर दिलाया; ग्रौर

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले की जांच की है, श्रौर यदि हां, तो उसके क्या ¶रिणाम निकले ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No. Toned milk is prepared from fresh milk and reconstituted milk powder to ensure a pre-determined standard of fat and solids-not-fat content. This is the accepted practice for preparation of this type of milk not only in India but all over the world.

(b) Toned milk bottles carry seals which differ from seals on buffalo or cow milk. No other action for informing the customers is considered necessary.

(c) Unfortunately, yes.

(d) This has happened inspite of precautions taken by the Dairy. The D.M.S. authorities have looked into this. To reduce chances of anything like this happening, the D.M.S. has got a reputed firm to carry out antiinsect measures. As an additional precaution a stainless steel hood is

being provided to protect the bottles as they travel on the conveyor in the short distance between the bottle washing machine and bottling machine. This is expected to be fitted in within a few days. Government consider that these precautions ought to be sufficient. Everything possible is being done to prevent recurrence of this.

Oral Answers

भी हुकम चन्द कछवायः क्या यह सही है कि कुछ दिनों से भैंस, गाय ग्रौर टोंड दूध काफी मात्रा में कम लोगों को दिया जा रहा है, यदि हां तो इसका मूल कारण क्या है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The main cause is that there is less of production of milk throughout the country. I was having a meeting day before yesterday with the various users of area. In every milk in the Delhi dairy and every factory using milk, the availability has been reduced to about half. It is because of the floods and various other things which have affected the availability of fodder which has affected the health of cattle also. But the position is now improving everyday and I hope ere long it will be possible for us to supply cow and buffalo milk also.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवायः पिछली वार जब इस सदन में दिल्ली दूध योजना के सम्बन्ध में प्रश्न उठा था तो उस समय यह कहा गया था कि जो इसको चलाने वाले जो चेयरमैन हैं, डा ० सिक्का, वह पहले कलकत्ता में काम करते थे ग्रौर वहां से जब उन को हटाया गया तो वहां की सारी मशीनरी को वह खराव करके ग्राये । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या ग्रब भी यही कारण तो नहीं है कि हटने पर ये सारी मशीनरी को खराब कर गये हैं, इसलिए दूध कम मिल रहा है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: He has been now replaced and some other officer has taken charge of it. In addition to that, a team of experts reviewed the whole working of the DMS. They have submitted their report and day before yesterday the recommendations were reviewed, and action on the basis of the recommendations has also been initiated.

भी यशपाल सिंह : जैसा कि इस सदन में पहले भी कई बार जिक हुग्रा है, जो दूध देहातों से, राजस्थान से ग्रीर उत्तर प्रदेश से निलकता है वह 72 घंटे बाद हमारे घरों में पहुंचता है, ग्रीर उस दध में खटास ग्रीर बदबू पैदा हो जाती है, उसके विटामिंज मारे जाते हैं ग्रीर दूध की लाश बाकी रह जाती है, भ्या यह सही है ? यदि हां, तो क्या इंतजाम किया जा रहा है कि लोगों को ताजा दूध मिल सके ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Nowadays, under modern conditions, milk properly processed can be kept even for a week or 15 days. Therefore, it is a question of adopting the proper processes, and it is only by adopting these things we are able to transfer milk from a long distance like Bikaner.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether there is improvement in the total supply of the Delhi Milk Scheme. Is it a fact that the supply has been reduced to half, half for the M.Ps. and quarter for the rest of the Delhi people? What steps have been taken to see that the supply is restored?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As I have already stated the question is of production of milk. Unfortunately, it has gone down everywhere, particularly due to the weather conditions and the flood conditions, but the situation is improving. Therefore, I am hoping it will be possible to restore it.

धी रामेक्वरानन्द: ग्रघ्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है ।

ग्राध्यक्ष महोदयः बोलिये, ग्राप का व्यवस्या का प्रक्त क्या है ।

श्री रामेक्वरानन्दः मेरा व्यवस्या का प्रक्ष्न यह है कि इस देश के ग्रन्दर दूध की कमी का मुख्य कारण कसाईखानों में गाय, भैंस भादि का मरवाया जाना है । सरकार को इसके लिये यत्न करना चाहिये कि वध-शालाओं को बन्द करवाये । वधशालायें बन्द की जायेंगी तभी दूध मिल सकता है । लोक सभा में एक बूंध दूध नहीं मिलता है । जब एसी स्थिति है तब जनता को दूध कहां से मिल सकता है । इस के लिये मैं भ्राप की ब्यवस्था चाहता हूं ।

म्राध्यक्ष महोदयः ग्रव इस व्यवस्था के प्रश्न का मैं क्या जवाब दूं। इस के लिये कौन सा रूल है, कौन सा कांस्टिट्यूशन है, जो मैं कुछ कह सकुं।

भी क्रोंकार लाल बेरवाः कुछ दिन पहले मैंने ग्रखबारों में यह पढ़ा था कि इस दूध को कमी को पूरा करने के लिये पांच हजार बकरियां मंगाई जायेंगी। मैं जानना चाहता ह कि क्या वे बकरियां ग्रा चुकी हैं।

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is a goat programme also to meet the milk supply position.

Shrima'i Renu Chakravartty: The hon. Minister has stated that the fall in the production of milk is due to the flood conditions and weather conditions. I would like to know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Minister that the situation in Bengal, where there is no flood, has been the same, and that there has been a marked fall in fresh milk, *i.e.*, cow's milk and buffaloe's milk, and we are being forced to take toned milk? Is it becaute of over-dependence on P.L. 480 of this Government?

Mr. Speaker: She took us to Bengal, from there to supply and then returned to P.L. 480.

Shri C. Subramaniam: I was discussing this matter also with the milk experts. I do not know how far the information is correct, but they say that there is a cycle of production in milk also, and there has been decrease in the production of milk throughout the world. That is why there is a shortfall of milk powder also.

#### 4811 Written Answers

Shri Kapur Singh: I am curious to know how certain species of insects such as large grasshoppers manage to induct themselves into sealed Government milk bottles without proper authorization.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Does the Government really believe that there is any possibility of improvement in the situation in the next few weeks, months or years?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Certainly.

Shri Kapur Singh: There was no answer to my question.

Mr. Speaker: That was difficult to answer as to how, without authorisation, they could induct themselves into the bottles.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: 'What is the experts' opinion given to the Minister, whether the cycle of deficiency of milk is only for the quadrupeds or bipeds also?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members should be more serious.

Shri Iqbal Singh: The real cause of shortage of milk supply is the high price of graym and fodder because they could not afford to give the full quantity of gram and fodder to the buffaloes. If so, what is the government doing about this?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That is a general question with regard to price of foodgrains.

Mr. Speaker: We shall take up next business now.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUES-TIONS

## U.S. Businessmen's Conference in New York

/ Shri Indrajit Gupta: Shri Yashpal Singh: | Shri Nambiar:  Shri Laxmi Dass: Shri M. N. Swamy:
\*512. Shri P. Kunhan: Shri P. Kunhan: Shri Kapur Singh: Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Imbichibava:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian diplomats and officials were authorised by Government to attend a U.S. busines men's conference held in New York from 8th  $t_0$  10th June, 1964 on the subject of "Investing and operating in India";

(b) the assurances, if any, given at this conference on behalf of India; and

(c) whether such assurances have been consistent with Government's declared aims of combating monopolistic growth of private enterprise?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The Minister (Economic) in the Embassy of India, Washington participated in a conferen e in New York on the 8th June, 1964 on "Investing and Operating in India" sponsored by the American Management Association.

(b) and (c). The speech of the Minister (Economic) was intended to explain the policies of the Government of India in regard to private foreign inve tment and did not relate to any specific assurances.

### Road-Rail Co-ordination

# •513. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwa<sub>r</sub> Meena:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 555 on the 12th March, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the memorandum submitted by Mr. M. R. Bonavia, British Transport Expert on road-rail coordination in India has since been considered by the Committee on Transport Policy and Coordination; and