

No. 57 on the 8th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether all the recommendations of the committee on the working of Delhi Milk Scheme have since been accepted and fully implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, how far that has improved the present milk supplying capacity of the Delhi Milk Scheme?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) Most of the recommendations of the Team of Experts have been accepted and action is in hand for their implementation. A statement showing the action taken so far in regard to the implementation of the main recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3362/64].

(b) The recommendations aim at a major re-organisation of the Scheme and it will be some time before they are fully implemented. However, according to present indications, the implementation of the recommendations will go a long way in improving the milk supply position of the Delhi Milk Scheme.

#### Prices of Foodgrains

Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:  
 Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
 Shri Jashvant Mehta:  
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri Daji:  
 Shrimati Vimla Devi:  
 Shri Gulshan:  
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:  
 Shri Hem Raj:  
 Dr. Ranen Sen:  
 \*48. Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:  
 Dr. Saradish Roy:  
 Shri Jai Bahadur Singh:

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:  
 Shri Solanki:  
 Shri Buta Singh:  
 Shri Kapur Singh:

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

(a) whether the prices of food-grains, pulses, and vegetable oils have increased during the past two months;

(b) if so, to what extent and how the present prices compare with those in the corresponding months last year; and

(c) the steps being taken to stabilise the prices?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) and (b) There was an increase in the market prices of foodgrains, pulses and vegetable oils during the months of September, 1964 but in October, 1964 they have declined. The All India Index Number of wholesale prices of cereals which rose from 144 in the month of August 1964 to 150 in September declined to 148 in October. The Index Number of pulses rose from 159 to 197 during the same period but declined to 183 in October, 1964. The prices are, however, higher this year as compared to corresponding period of the last year.

(c) Some of the more important steps taken to stabilize the prices are as follows:—

- (i) Announcement of producers' Prices for paddy, wheat, gram, jowar, bajra and maize for 1964-65 season and fixation of statutory maximum prices of paddy at which such stocks could be requisitioned;
- (ii) Fixation of maximum wholesale and retail prices of rice;
- (iii) Increased distribution of food-grains to fair price shops;
- (iv) Stepping up of imports of foodgrains and arrangement for import of edible oils from U.S.A.;

- (v) Tightening up of restrictions on bank advances against foodgrains, vegetable and edible oils and imposition of ban on export of certain kinds of edible oils;
- (vi) Setting up of enforcement machinery by States with additional assistance from the Central Government;
- (vii) Promulgation of anti-hoarding measures by the State Governments and introduction of summary trials and stringent punishments for contravention of food laws and abetment of such contravention by public servants;
- (viii) Setting up of Food Corporation of India; and
- (ix) Intensification of procurement operations.

conducted of water scarcity in scheduled and tribal areas, the State Government brought this fact to our notice.

(b) Provision of drinking water supply has been accorded high priority in the Fourth Plan. It is proposed to waive the contribution from the beneficiaries in areas predominantly inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes for drinking water works of an engineering character, the pattern of financial assistance has been liberalised and cent per cent grant will be given for the purpose. In the Tribal Development Block programme, sinking of wells has been given high priority. Recognising the importance of this scheme, flexibility has been allowed in meeting the expenditure on this scheme from any other head in the Block budget.

#### Drinking Water Supply in Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh

- \*49. { Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:  
Shri Uikey:  
Shri Chandak:  
Shri Bade:  
Shri Hukam Chand  
Kachhavaia:  
Shri Bakliwal:  
Shri Wadiwa:  
Shri Surya Prasad:  
Shri J. P. Jyotishi:  
Shri R. S. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Department's attention has been drawn to the fact that there are 3,000 villages in tribal areas in Madhya Pradesh where there are no arrangements for supply of drinking water; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and if so, the broad outlines thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Security (Smt. Chandrasekhar):** (a) In response to our letter asking the Government of Madhya Pradesh whether they had arranged for a special survey to be

#### Conference of Chief Ministers

- \*50. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:  
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:  
Dr. Saradish Roy:  
Dr. Ranen Sen:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:  
Shri R. Barua:  
Shri R. S. Pandey:  
Shri M. Rampure:

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

(a) whether a conference of the State Chief Ministers was held in New Delhi towards the end of October for assessing the food situation and formulating schemes to tackle it;

(b) if so, the decisions taken therein; and

(c) the action being taken by the Central and State Governments in the light of those decisions?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) Yes, Sir.