

1966 for considering the food situation in the country and abolition of the Food Zones; and

(b) the steps being taken for their implementation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) The decisions were as follows:

1. The existing food zones should continue for the present. However, the question of the continuance of zonal restrictions should be reviewed as early as possible.
2. The rice component of the ration in Kerala should be raised to 160 grams per adult per day from the third week of March.
3. Restraints on the consumption of rice should be imposed. The rice component of ration in any State should not exceed 200 grams.
4. The decision taken in September last for restricting the polishing of rice to four per cent should be uniformly enforced in all States.
5. An Expert Committee may be appointed to examine the question of systematic and scientific classification of varieties of paddy grown in different States, with a view to bringing about uniformity in classification, specially in neighbouring States.

(b) The steps taken in the implementation of these decisions are noted below:

1. An Expert Committee is being appointed to go into the question of the food zones.
2. Administrative arrangements are being made for raising the rice component of ration in Kerala from the third week of March.

3. and 4. The State Governments are implementing these decisions.

5. A communication has been sent to Dr. K. Ramiah, Vice-Chancellor of the Orissa Agricultural University, requesting him to agree to preside over this Committee.

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Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loan of Rs. 15 crores asked from the World Bank for the Development of Haldia Port has been granted; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the loan?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiv Reddy): (a) No, Sir. Negotiations with the World Bank for a loan are still in progress;

(b) Does not arise.

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