

1. Fixation of statutory maximum prices of paddy and rice in some States;
2. Stepping up of imports of food-grains and larger distribution from Central stocks;
3. Introduction of statutory rationing in Calcutta, Madras, Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Vishakhapatnam, Kanpur and Delhi and informal rationing in Kerala. Statutory rationing will be gradually introduced in all big cities with a population of one million and above and in industrial townships and further extended progressively till the urban areas with a population of one lakh and above are also covered;
4. Tightening up of restrictions on bank advances against food-grains;
5. Strengthening of enforcement machineries by State Governments with assistance from the Central Government;
6. Promulgation of anti-hoarding measures as well as introduction of summary trials; and
7. Intensification of procurement operations.

#### Election Petitions

- \*295. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shri Omkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Election Petitions are still pending before the Election Tribunals, High Courts and Supreme Court since the last General Elections;

(b) if so, their number, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to expedite their disposal?

**The Minister of Law (Shri G. S. Pathak):** (a) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that a large number of election petitions are still pending. However, there are 15 election petitions arising out of 1962 General Elections still pending.

(b) The State-wise break-up is as follows—

- (i) before the Election Tribunals—two petitions each in Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and one petition each in Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan;
- (ii) Two appeals from the final orders of election tribunals are pending before the High Courts—one in Jammu and Kashmir and the other in Uttar Pradesh;
- (iii) Four appeals from the final orders of the High Courts are pending before the Supreme Court. These relate to Madras, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(c) The Election Commission's Report on the Third General Elections containing proposals in this regard is under consideration.

#### Study of Port Facilities in Malaysia and Singapore

- \*296. **Shri P. H. Bheel:**  
**Shri Narayan Reddy:**  
**Shri Solanki:**  
**Shri Kapur Singh:**

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

(a) whether a delegation of Members of Parliament was recently sent by the National Shipping Board to Malaysia and Singapore to study port facilities in these countries;

(b) if so, whether the Members followed their original schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether they have submitted any report?