

Mr. Speaker: No, I cannot.

Shri Hem Barua: Why?

Mr. Speaker: There is a Short Notice Question. Shri Mohan Swarup. He is absent. We will now take up the Calling Attention Notice.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Shortage of Vegetable Ghee in Delhi

- *337. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Basumatari: . .
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Bade:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the result of an inquiry into the shortage of vegetable ghee in Delhi; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) The enquiry revealed that while Delhi received normal supply of vanaspati the shortage was caused partly by heavier movement to places outside Delhi and partly by increased demand during April-May, 1966 due to the marriage season.

(b) The following steps have been taken:—

(1) Movement of vanaspati outside Delhi by persons other than producers has been banned with effect from 31-5-66.

(2) Wholesale and retail trade in vanaspati in Delhi has been brought

under statutory control with effect from 6-6-66. Under this, the dealers are required to obtain a licence for the purpose from the Delhi Administration, maintain stocks and sales registers and display stocks and prices of vanaspati at the start of each day. They are also prohibited from charging prices in excess of those fixed by the Government or by the manufacturers (as the case may be) for the appropriate stage of sale.

मण्डी में कम अनाज आना

*338. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मण्डी में प्रमुख अनाजों की आवक कम हो गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मूल्यों पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री गंगुविन्द मेनन) : (क) जी, हां । चालू सीजन में महत्वपूर्ण खाद्यान्नों की मंडियों में आमद गत सीजन की अपेक्षा कम हुई ।

(ख) भावों में बढ़ोतरी का एक अंश-दायी कारण मंडियों में कम आमद का होना रहा है । चावल के थोक भावों का अखिल भारतीय सूचांक अक्टूबर, 1965 के 141 से बढ़कर जून, 1966 में 167 और गेहूँ का अप्रैल, 1966 के 135 से बढ़कर जून, 1966 में 142 तक पहुँच गया । चालू सीजन में मोटे अनाजों के सूचकांकों में भी बढ़ोतरी का रुख आया ।

River Steam Navigation Company

*339. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the River Steam Navigation establishment in Assam is in a