

**Shri Tyagi:** May I inform the House that there is a screening committee already which looks into these cases?

### Price of Sugar

\*166. { <sup>+</sup>Shri H. C. Mathur.  
Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the price of sugar (i) in wholesale market and (ii) in retail market before the announcement of fresh excise duty,

(b) what are the present rates, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to keep the prices at a reasonable level?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) to (c) A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No 52]

**Shri H. C. Mathur.** It is obvious from the statement that there has been a general rise of Rs 6 per maund. May I know if the Government considers it to be justified, or are they taking any steps to bring down the prices and if so to what level?

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** We have been taking steps. There has been some increase, not exactly to the extent of the increase in the excise duty. The Government are taking steps. The Reserve Bank has now tightened up its restrictions in the matter of advances. A circular has been issued on June 29, 1957 to all Scheduled and the three State-associated banks requiring them to raise the margin against sugar by 10 per cent subject to a minimum of 35 per cent.

**Shri H. C. Mathur.** My question has not been fully answered.

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** This apparent

rise of Rs 6 per maund includes Rs 4-2-0 per maund on account of excise duty.

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** In view of rise in price the rate of sugar, may I know whether Government would reduce the quantity of sugar to be exported?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Government want to encourage as much export as they possibly can, consistent with the maintenance of internal supplies.

**Shri Heda:** Apart from the rise due to this excise duty, may I know whether Government have noticed that even in a city like Hyderabad which is situated within the surplus area, there is normally in a period of two to three months a good rise in the prices, and if so, what steps are they taking to curb this uncalled for rise in prices?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** In fact, Hyderabad is not a surplus area. The whole of South is a deficit area and it receives about one lakh tons of sugar from the North. There was some difficulty about movement, that difficulty is now being overcome. We are constantly watching the price movement and we propose to regulate it by adjusting our releases. Apart from that, as my colleague the Deputy Minister has stated, the Reserve Bank has applied curb on advances against sugar owned by the traders.

**Shri Mohiuddin:** The hon. Minister has stated that the Reserve Bank has asked that the margin should be increased. Is it a fact that about 40 per cent of the production of sugar is at the disposal of the Government and this sugar stock is not being released?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** The entire sugar is at the disposal of the Government. It is only after Government issues a release order that sugar can be sold in the market. And we regulate the releases in such a manner that a regular supply is guaranteed all over the year.

Shri A. M. Thomas: I may also add that a special release of the order of 1.64 lakhs of tons has been made on the 29th of May, over and above the ordinary release.

An Hon. Member: In Hyderabad.

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\*१६७ { डा० राम सुभग सिंह  
श्री नवल प्रभाकर

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का हिन्दी के समाचार पत्रों को हिन्दी में समाचार भेजने के लिये हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टरों के प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार है , और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय से राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी हा ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : अंग्रेजी टेलीप्रिन्टर की तुलना में हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टर की गति करीब आधी के बराबर है । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या जो रेट है उस को भी आधा कर दिया जायगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : रेट जो है वह तो शब्दों की गिनती के ऊपर निर्धारित किया जाता है और मैं समझता हूँ कि स्पेड के ऊपर वह निर्धारित नहीं किया जाता है ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि हिन्दी टेलीप्रिन्टर्स की व्यवस्था न होने के कारण जो देश में हिन्दी के दैनिक पत्र हैं उन को अंग्रेजी के टेलीप्रिन्टर्स में प्राप्त समाचारों का अनुवाद करना पड़ता है और इस कारण से जो समाचार हैं वे उतने सही और जल्दी नहीं पहुँच पाते

जितनी जल्दी उन्हें पहुँचना चाहिये । ऐसी सूरत में क्या हिन्दी के टेलीप्रिन्टर्स की सुविधायें सीधे बढ़ाने का प्रयत्न किया जायगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यथाशीघ्र इस की व्यवस्था की जाती है । माननीय सदस्य को ज्ञात होगा कि हैदराबाद में पहले पहल हम ने एक अंग्रेजी टेलीप्रिन्टर को कनवर्ट कर के हिन्दी में इस्तेमाल किया था । तब से इस बात की कोशिश हो रही है कि ऐसा टेलीप्रिन्टर बन जाय जिस में हिन्दी के सारे अक्षर और अंक समा सके और उस के लिये एक्सपेरिमेंट्स हो रहे हैं । साथ ही एजुकेशन मिनिस्ट्री द्वारा की-बोर्ड भी तय होना है ।

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : आगे या पाछे अनुवाद तो करना ही पड़ेगा ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : इस टेलीप्रिन्टर में जो इसी तरह से मैसेजिंग दिये जाते हैं ।

National Formulary Committee

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\*168. { Shri V. P. Nayar:  
Shri Easwara Iyer:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Formulary Committee constituted by Government of India have completed its work, and

(b) whether the list proposed will include only the drugs and formula tions used in Allopathy?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The work has not yet been completed

(b) Yes

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know when we can expect the publication of the Indian formulary?

Shri Karmarkar: We are expecting the conclusion of the labours of the committee within about four months from now