

श्री ए० प्र० जैन केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकार को खाद देती है और जहाँ तक बन सकता है समय पर देती है। राज्य सरकार अपनी एजेंसी द्वारा उस को बटवाती है। यही तरीका बरता जाता है और उस के अलावा और कोई प्रबन्ध नहीं हो सकता।

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know whether manure is made available to the ryot at subsidised rates?

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Shri Shivananjappa: In English

Shri A. P. Jain: It is supplied at no-profit no-loss basis

Shri Yajnik. Is Government aware that very serious complaints have been published in the newspapers about black-marketing being done in these fertilizers and that they are stocked by some stockists in very large quantities while there are other stockists who do not get sufficient quantities after they have paid to the State Government thousands of rupees which remain with them for months together without their receiving the fertilizers in return?

Shri A P Jain There have been occasional complaints of black-marketing in fertilizers, the reason being that the fertilizers are in short supply and the trade sometimes misbehaves. We are trying to take every possible step to see that this sort of malpractices are suppressed. But nonetheless it so happens that they do take place.

Shri Ranga: Is anything being done to bring down the prices in view of the fact that recently they have been raised from thirty to fifty per cent?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: If there is some decrease in the general price of procurement and of freight, then we can consider. At present the procurement prices in the international market have gone up. The freight rates have also gone up. There was addi-

tional expenditure due to the closure of the Suez Canal and ships had to be diverted. And all this adds to the cost of the fertilizers.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: In view of the complaints that fertilizers are not properly distributed, may I know whether any arrangement is being made to supply the fertilizers through co-operative societies and marketing committees, and, if so, what is the arrangement that Government has made so far?

Shri A. P. Jain: I do not accept that there is a general mal-administration in the supply of fertilizers. And in many of the States fertilizers are being distributed through co-operative societies. In fact we are continuously pressing upon the State Governments the desirability of distributing them through co-operative societies.

Bhutanese Students' Training

*1283. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the number of students from Bhutan who have been given facilities by Government for training in River gauge and Rain-gauge observations in India to-date,

(b) whether persons trained in this line are working in the operations for the flood control,

(c) whether there are any conditions imposed on the students who received scholarships for this training from the Government of India, and

(d) whether the Bhutan students are proposed to be trained in any other subjects pertaining to the Ministry of Irrigation and Power?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) to (d). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 130]

Shri S. C. Samanta: With reference to the reply to part (d) of the question, may I know whether those students who are trained as Overseers and Wireless Operators are also given stipends; if so, how much, and the period of training also?

Shri Hathi: The overseers and the trainees for wireless operators were being given stipend at the rate of Rs 100 per month. The period of training was about a year in both the cases.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any training school is going to be opened in Bhutan by the Bhutaneses themselves and, if so, whether any help has been asked for in that direction?

Shri Hathi: No training school for wireless operators is to be opened in Bhutan. But these trainees are being trained at the Training Centre of the P & T Department at Jubbulpore.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know in which institutions these boys are being trained in India?

Shri Hathi: I said it is at the Training Centre of the Posts and Telegraphs Department at Jubbulpore for wireless operators. As regards rain-gauge observation and river-gauge reading it involves only a course of three to four weeks and no school is necessary for the purpose.

Central Godowns

*1285. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the present storage capacity of Central godowns in the country?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): The present total capacity of Central Government godowns in the country for storage of foodgrains is 8,86,900 tons.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know what is the amount of buffer stock that the Government propose to maintain, and how much of that will be stored in the present godowns and

how much expansion Government propose to provide for storage?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Government have at present more than about 7 lakh tons of foodgrains. We intend to build up 2 million tons of reserve stock in the country to be kept mostly in the cities and importing centres like Bombay and Calcutta, and when we require more space, we go on procuring from the Port Trusts, Corporations and other private bodies.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: What is the quantity of foodgrains damaged during last two years due to inefficient and insufficient capacity of godowns in the country, and how much is the loss in terms of money to the exchequer?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Very, very low. It comes to less than 33 per cent. In fact, compared to the world loss, it has been found by our experts that we have the least amount of food-grain losses due to bad preservation and other things.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: When will Government implement the scheme to construct more godowns under the Central Warehousing Corporation?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The Corporation intends to have about 100 godowns all over the country in places of all India importance. I think very soon a beginning will be made and by the end of the Second Plan period, we hope to complete these 100 godowns.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The idea of having a buffer stock of 2 million tons is there for several years. What is the present quantity of our buffer stock?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): We have about 7 lakh tons at present.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Is it a fact that an offer was made by the American Government for the construction of warehouses more than a year ago and that it took Government more than a year to decide upon the construction