

ourselves so far as we can that they are harmless that we permit the advertisements.

Shri Nath Pai: It has been advertised that the solution to the growth of population has been found in the form of a pill. May I know whether the medical authorities of the Government of India have examined the claim?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: As I explained just now, for the present, in this question we are concerned with the question of advertisement of contraceptives.

Shri Nath Pai: The pill is a contraceptive pill and it is being advertised.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We are concerned only with the advertisement of contraceptives at present.

Shri Nath Pai: It is being advertised in India now and I read it in the latest issue of the LIFE.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The hon. Member said that he has read it in the latest issue of LIFE or some such paper. Normally, we do not go to it for precise or accurate information, scientific or other.

In regard to the so-called contraceptive pill, obviously, it would be a great thing if it is a simple, satisfactory and cheap contraceptive pill so discovered. In this matter some of our own doctors have taken the lead in research work at more than one place, and more particularly in Calcutta. They have done good work. Thus far, they are more or less satisfied that the pill works in regard to certain minor animals. The difficulty is that research on this takes time and now they are trying that in a methodical way so as to test the efficacy of it. And the Government of India have given them grants and are helping them in this process.

दिल्ली से गेहूँ का चोरी-छिपे ले जाया जाना

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श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
श्री राधा रमण :
श्री बाजपेयी :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली और गाजियाबाद के बीच गेहूँ का तस्कर व्यापार चलता है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसे रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई गिरफ्तारियाँ की गयी हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री प्र० प्र० जैन):

(क) और (ख). जी हाँ, गेहूँ और गेहूँ से बने द्रव्य को दिल्ली से उत्तर प्रदेश स्थित स्थानों में चोरी चोरी से ले जाने की सूचनायें प्राप्त हुई थी। दिल्ली शासन ने उसकी रोक थाम के लिये प्रबन्ध कर दिया है। दिल्ली और उत्तर प्रदेश को मिलाने वाली सड़कों पर स्पेशल पुलिस बिठा दी गई है और माल की एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर ले जाते समय जांच पड़ताल की जाती है।

(ग) अब तक १०४ आदमी गिरफ्तार किये जा चुके हैं।

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister just now stated that 104 persons have been arrested. May I know how much quantity of wheat has been seized from those people?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): About 883 mds.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know what other steps Government have taken to arrest this smuggling of wheat than this seizure of wheat?

Shri A. P. Jain: We have taken a number of steps. It will not be in public interests to specify them because that will give the clue to the smugglers.

Shri Feroze Gandhi: Out of these 883 mds. may I know how much of it was wheat belonging to the fair price shops?

Shri A. P. Jain: We have no such record.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the steps that have been taken by Government have not yielded any effective results and that most of the arrested persons are those who are just taking small quantities of wheat and that the big persons, the big trucks etc., are still continuing smuggling?

Shri A. P. Jain: It may be that something may be taking place here and there; but there is good reason to think that smuggling has practically stopped.

Shri Radha Raman: Just now it was disclosed that 104 persons have been arrested. May I know at what stage these prosecutions are?

Shri A. P. Jain: Forty-three persons have been convicted already and the other cases are proceeding.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि दिल्ली में गेहूँ कितने रुपये मन बिकता है और यहाँ से जो गेहूँ उत्तर प्रदेश ले जाया जाता है वहाँ पर कितने रुपये मन बिकता है ?

श्री प्र० प्र० जैन : दिल्ली में गेहूँ का भाव साढ़े १५ रुपये से लेकर १७ रुपये तक है और उत्तर प्रदेश के घास पास के इलाकों में २० रुपये मन से लेकर २२ रुपये मन तक है।

Sardar Iqbal Singh: I do not agree with the hon. Minister's reply that smuggling has stopped. May I know whether Government has taken steps just as blacklisting these firms which are carrying on smuggling of wheat from Delhi to U.P. and cancelling their licences etc.?

Shri A. P. Jain: Some of the firms have been blacklisted and some licences have been suspended and temporary licences are not being issued to them.

Shri Feroze Gandhi: The hon. Minister just now stated that he does not know the quantity of wheat which was smuggled from the fair price shops. May I know whether it is a fact that wheat from fair price shops was also smuggled and included in this quantity?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: How to distinguish one wheat from the other?

Shri Feroze Gandhi: May I know whether it is correct?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There is not much likelihood of imported wheat being smuggled because in Punjab and Delhi we are not distributing imported wheat to any substantial extent.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether motor trucks and other vehicles have been seized in the act of smuggling, and, if so, how many?

Shri A. P. Jain: Yes; some motor trucks were seized.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: How many?

Shri A. P. Jain: I could not give the number.

Salinity of Hooghly Water

*162. **Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain locomotive engines in commission in the Port Railways, Calcutta, went out of order on the 8th June, 1958 due to the high salinity of Hooghly water which is used in the running of these locomotives and that the Eastern Railway was approached for loan of some engines to maintain the services; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the port authorities to meet the problems created by high salinity of Hooghly water?