

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The Question Hour is over.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Kindly allow one question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** When the Question Hour is over, I have to close. There are 60 minutes for it. Yes; **Shri S. M. Banerjee.**

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** The hon. Minister said that there has been an increase in the food production. May I know whether rice production has also increased and, if so, may I know the reason why in all the States the price of rice has gone up?

**Shri A P Jain:** Yes, Sir. The production of rice has also increased by about 4.8 million tons. It is not a fact that prices are high in all parts of the country. As compared to the prices in 1958, they are higher in some parts of the country; in other parts of the country they are lower than the prices obtaining in 1958.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** It is a mis-statement.

Several Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That has to be discussed separately. That would be discussed.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

##### Wild Cattle in Delhi

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1. { **Shri Radha Raman:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a squad of cattle catchers of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, which went to a village some 20 miles outside Delhi to catch wild cows there, had been chased out from that village without allowing them to perform the job;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the villagers attacked the party with lathis,

(c) if so, the circumstances in which this took place, and

(d) the steps taken so that such incidents do not occur in future.

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No. The cattle catching operations in the village of Sanoth, 22 miles from Delhi, have been suspended as some non-cultivators objected to their being carried on and assured that they would themselves have the cattle caught within a fortnight.

(b) and (c) No. Hot words were exchanged between non-cultivators, who wanted the discontinuance of the operations and the farmers who insisted on their being carried on.

(d) The incident was the first of its kind. Suitable steps will be taken to control the obscurantist elements bent on impeding the operations.

**Shri Radha Raman:** What was the information that was received by the Government on the basis of which this squad went to that village, and whether the hon. Deputy Minister who had accompanied this squad went there purposely for this cattle catching or it was only on a casual visit that he was there?

**Shri A P Jain:** The villagers made a request to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture that these wild cattle may be caught, and the Deputy Minister together with some Members of Parliament had gone to see how the operation proceeded.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know whether the Government have made any assessment with regard to the number of these wild cattle and cows living in and around Delhi and whether any assessment is also made with regard to the loss that they cause to the village crops near about Delhi?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** No census or regular assessment of the losses has been made. However, the number of such wild cattle appears to be quite large.

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** I want to know whether they were wild cows or stray cattle.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Stray cattle, when they are let loose for a long time, become wild

श्री बाळपेयी क्या यह सच है कि जब कुछ उत्तेजित लोगों ने गायों को पकड़ने का विरोध किया और उपमत्री जी को घेर लिया तो उन्हो ने गो माता की जय के नारे लगा कर उन को शांत किया ?

श्री श्री० प्र० जैन उपमत्री जी ता नहीं बने गये। यह जो झगडा था वह किसानों में, जोकि उन मवेशियों को पकड़वाना चाहते थे, और दुकानदारों में था, जोकि उस में दखल दे रहे थे।

**Shri Subblah Ambalam:** May I know the number of cattle that was caught in the wild chase and what is being done with that cattle?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker.** Was the chase wild or were the cattle wild?

**Shri A. P. Jain.** I think some six or seven heads of cattle have been caught

**Shri Tyagi** Were they released later?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** They were forcibly released by the shop-keepers. But these cattle are generally sent either to the gossals or to other parts of the country for rearing purposes where they are greatly in demand

श्री विभूति मिश्र मैं जानना चाहता हू कि जैसे दिल्ली में सरकार ने मदद की है वैसे ही हिन्दुस्तान के और हिस्सों में श्री किसानों को जानवरों आदि को पकड़ने में फूड ऐंड एग्रीकल्चर मिनिस्ट्री सहायता करेगी ?

श्री श्री० प्र० जैन यह जो तजवीज है यह बहुत माफूस है और जहा तक हो सकेगा हम जरूर मदद करेगे।

**Shri Tyagi:** This a matter on which a clarification of policy of the Gov-

ernment in this regard must be made in the House. The hon. Minister has just now said that wild cows were caught

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** If it is a clarification of policy, then we should find some other occasion

**Shri Tyagi:** Cattle were caught and they were forcibly released. Do Government agree to such types of releases to become the fashion of the day—for the cattle to get forcibly released from the hands of Government servants when stray cattle are caught anywhere in the country?

**Shri A. P. Jain** Surely it was a reprehensible action on the part of those who cut out the ropes and let the cattle go away. But we did not want to create any very awkward situation or a situation which might have created a law and order problem

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Plantation of Timber alongside Railway Track

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(a) whether the Railway Board have issued a circular directing that on both sides of the Railway track, wherever space permits, plantation of suitable timber should be undertaken, and

(b) what concrete steps have been taken to implement this directive?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy)** (a) Instructions have been issued to Railway Administrations for planting trees alongside the railway track

(b) The Railway Administrations on their part, have issued necessary instructions to their subordinate offices to undertake immediately planting of trees along the railway line. For this purpose, the Railways