

हिन्दी और अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं के जो टेलिप्रिन्टर बनें उन के साथ साथ टेलिप्रिन्टर लाइन भी बिछाई जायें ।

श्री स० का० पाटिल It is a suggestion for action. हम ध्यान रखेंगे ।
अभी स्थिति ऐसी है कि शायद इंग्लिश और हिन्दी ही के लिए एक टेलिप्रिन्टर से काम न चले और अरबी के लिए अलग टेलिप्रिन्टर लगाना पड़े । अभी इस का ही निणय नहीं हुआ है ।

Sugar Production

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Shri Raghunath Singh
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Sarju Pande:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra.
Shri Anirudh Sinha:

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

(a) whether the yield of Sugar in 1958-59 season has gone down as compared to 1957-58 season;

(b) if so by what percentage, and

(c) the reasons for the same?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) About four percent.

(c) Shorter duration of crushing season and lower recovery

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: What is the amount of shortfall in the production?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The estimate is that in 1958-59 the production would be roundabout 19 lakh tons. Last year it was about 19.78 lakh tons.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know the reasons for this shortfall?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The reasons have been given—shorter duration of crushing season and lower recovery. The fall in production during this year has been marked in western UP

where the production declined by about 88 lakh tons as compared to 1957-58

Shri Raghunath Singh: What is the production of sugar this year?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is roundabout 19 lakh tons.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the names of the States in which the yield has gone down?

Shri A. M. Thomas: As I said, in western UP, the yield has gone down because there has been diversion of cane to gur and khandasari manufacture. It has gone down in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh mainly due to lean crops. Besides in South India the production has fallen by about 30,000 tons in Andhra Pradesh.

Shri C. D. Pande. The target for the Second Plan was almost 25 lakh tons. Two years back the production was 20,42,000 tons. This year it has gone down to 19 lakh tons. What steps are proposed to be taken by the Government so that the target may be reached?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The production is dependent on several factors: length of the crushing season, quality of the cane, prices of other competing commodities such as gur and khandasari etc. Several steps are being taken and because of those steps there has been considerable increase in production in certain areas. The increase in yield has been marked in the developed zones but there have been other backward areas and so when we take the average, it appears to be less. It cannot be said that the production has not gone up.

श्री विभूति मिश्र मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि चूँकि सन् १९५६ में शर्करा का प्रोडक्शन ज्यादा था पिछले वर्ष कम हुआ किन्तु इस साल और कम हुआ तो क्या सरकार कोई ऐसा कदम उठाना चाहती है जिससे कि हमारा शर्करा का प्रोडक्शन बढ़ सके ।

Shri A. M. Thomas: It cannot be said that the corresponding figures

show a decline. In 1955-56 it was 18.62 lakh tons. In 1956-57 there was a record production of 20.29 lakh tons; that was a good year for us as far as the entire agricultural production was concerned.

Shri Basappa. The yield of cane in the south is greater than in the north. What steps have been taken to increase the number of sugar factories in the south?

Shri A. M. Thomas. We know that the entire targeted capacity for the Second Plan has been licensed but there has been some difficulty because of the lack of foreign exchange in regard to certain co-operative sugar factories. This question has been answered a number of times and all possible steps are being taken to find the necessary machinery by import of a certain portion and also by manufacturing some portion here.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: May I know whether it is a fact that the varieties of sugarcane are not so good and therefore, the yield is going down? Do the Government propose to introduce better varieties of sugarcane?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Better variety has been introduced mainly because of the efforts of the Sugarcane Committee.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know the number of factories State-wise and in what States the yield of sugar has gone down?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have already answered that question. I am not in a position to give the State-wise break-up.

Mr. Speaker. Let him put down a separate question.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad. I just want to know.

Mr. Speaker: I just want to avoid that. There is no meaning in the hon. Member asking such a broad question as how many sugar factories are there and in which States, etc.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: I want to know the State where the yield has gone down.

Mr. Speaker: He has already answered it.

Shri Heda. Are the Government aware that the general impression created in the country is that the production of sugar is much less and that is one of the factors contributing to the high level of sugar prices and if so what steps are the Government taking to clear this impression?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It cannot be said that the production is much less. Of course there have been reports that there is less production this year and that might have been one of the reasons why prices are on the increase in certain areas. But the Government are taking proper steps by regulating the release from the factories and also by reserving a certain percentage of production to be disposed of according to the directions of the Government. We have also fixed the ex-factory prices in certain areas.

International Civil Airport at Delhi

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Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 911 on the 4th December 1958 and state the progress made so far in establishing an International Civil Airport at Delhi?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): It has not been possible to take a final decision so far on the question of establishing a separate International Civil Airport for Delhi. In the meantime, Palam will continue in joint use by the I.A.F. and the Civil Aviation Department and it is also being developed for jet transport operations.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what are the obstacles in the way of taking decision soon when there is