

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : ऐसे कई मुझाव कई मेम्बरों ने भी दिये हैं, मगर देश के लिये यह अच्छा नहीं होगा।

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वनस्पति में ऐसा कोई रंग डालने का ताकि उस का जायका न बिगड़े कोई प्रयोग चल रहा है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : जैसा मैं ने अभी बतलाया काफी समय से चल रहा है।

पंडित ठाकुर दास भार्गव : क्या यह दुस्त नहीं है कि पंजाब गवर्नमेंट के और बम्बई गवर्नमेंट के माहिरों ने दो रंगों को पसन्द किया और उन को दोनों गवर्नमेंटों ने पास भी कर दिया, लेकिन ताहम हमारी गवर्नमेंट ने बिला जांच किये हुए सारी की सारी तजवीज को नापसन्द कर दिया ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : मैं नहीं समझता कि आनरेबिल मेम्बर का यह ख्याल दुस्त है कि हम ने अच्छा रंग होते हुए भी उस को नापसन्द कर दिया।

पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि दिल्ली में कहीं भी अनएडल्टरेटेड ची नहीं मिलता, और अगर मालूम है तो उस का क्या उपाय किया जा रहा है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : इस का उपाय तो हिंदुस्तान का मोराल ही सुधारना है।

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : इस नई प्रथा के अनुसार कितने ची मिलाने के केस पकड़े गये और उन में से कितनों पर ऐक्शन लिया गया ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : मेरे पास इस की इतला नहीं है।

COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUGAR FACTORY OWNERS

***1137. Shri Jasani:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have received any complaints against the sugar factory owners for demanding higher prices?

(b) What steps have, so far, been taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). No specific complaints were received against any sugar factory for demanding higher prices. The complaints received were only of a general nature, i.e. that sugar was not available at controlled rates. The required quantities of sugar were released to the parties concerned at controlled rates from specified mills subject of course to the availability of stocks.

Shri T. N. Singh: Is it a fact that only a short while ago millowners stated that they had surplus stocks of sugar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. it is a patent fact that there are surplus stocks available in the country.

Shri Jhunjhunwala: Is it a fact that the price of sugar has gone up because of want of sufficient release of sugar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir. I think the explanation about the situation has been given more than once on the floor of the House. The stockholders were waiting for the prices to go down and therefore they were not prepared to take those stocks which were of higher price.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know what was the reason for the non-availability of sugar when there was a surplus?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have just mentioned there were two prices. The previous price was higher; the price expected to rule later on was going to be lower. Therefore all stock-holders, in order to save themselves from any loss, did not receive the stocks which were at higher prices and waited for the price to go down. This was the reason why the stock-holders had less of stocks.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The Minister said that there was considerable stock. May I know, Sir, what is the latest position in regard to the accumulated stock of sugar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the actual figures, Sir. But, as everybody knows, this year's stock, on the 1st of January, was much larger than at any time in the history of the sugar industry.

Shri Mohiuddin: May I know whether it is a fact that about three months ago, it was reported that when the Government released the stocks from the factories, the factory owners purchased the stocks in their own names and kept it in hoarding to raise the prices?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the information. If the hon. Member will supply it, I will look into it.

Shri Jasani: The hon. Minister said that the sugar was not available at the controlled price. May I know what are the reasons for not getting the sugar at controlled prices?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am unable to follow the import of the question, Sir.

Shri Jasani: He said that there were complaints that sugar was not available at the controlled prices. May I know what are the reasons for not getting sugar at controlled prices?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I did not refer to the controlled price. I merely referred to the difference between the two prices and the possibility of lower prices ruling as a result of the new sugar manufactured.

RESEARCH LABORATORY FOR ARECANUT

*1138. **Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a Research Laboratory for arecanut; and

(b) if so, where it will be located and what are the reasons for locating it in the place decided?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) No decision has yet been taken as to where the Laboratory will be located.

Shri C. R. Iyyunni: May I know whether Travancore-Cochin is one place where arecanut is produced more than in any other place?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is likely, Sir, but I am really not quite certain. But, it is one of the principal States.

Shri P. T. Chacko: Will the Government take into consideration the fact that the problems affecting.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a suggestion for action.

Shri C. R. Iyyunni: May I know whether the cost of production of arecanut in the Travancore-Cochin State is much more than in any other State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That is likely.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: What are the States that produce arecanuts in India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think my hon. friend knows that quite well.

Shri Achuthan: May I know whether the position of Travancore-Cochin will be considered in locating the Research Centre since the largely grown arecanuts there are easily affected by pests and other diseases?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I will take this suggestion into account.

Shri Damodara Menon: May I know the places which are being considered by Government now as suitable for the location of this Research Laboratory?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I have not got the information here.

Shri C. R. Iyyunni: May I know, Sir, what are the considerations that will prevail with the Government in settling the place where the Research Institute should be located?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The suitability of the place, evidently.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire whether the Central Arecanut Committee, in its last meeting, considered the location of the Research Station and, if so, what is its recommendation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I have not got the information.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know what are the items of research work that would be taken up immediately?