

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Yes, the reduced price of Milo is Rs. 13 per maund for bagged cargo, delivered ex-port/Central Storage Depots.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the total amount paid as subsidy to keep down the price of milo?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Giani G. S. Musafir: Q. 666.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : अध्यक्ष महोदय, प्रश्न नम्बर ६६६, ६६७ और ६६९ एक ही विषय से सम्बन्ध रखते हैं। इसलिये इन को एक साथ ही ले लिया जाय।

[Seth Govind Das: Sir, questions Nos. 666, 667 and 669 relate to one subject and may, therefore, be taken together.]

मिस्टर स्पीकर : कौन से क्रमांक ?

[Mr. Speaker: Which question?]

सेठ गोविन्द दास : नम्बर ६६६, ६६७ और ६६९।

[Seth Govind Das: Nos. 666, 667 and 669.]

डाक्टर पी० ऐस० देशमुख : बहुत माइली हो जायगा, साहब !

[Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It will become too oily, Sir.]

Mr. Speaker: Can all these be taken together?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no objection.

Mr. Speaker: Questions 666, 667 and 669 are being put now.

Vanaspati (COLOUR)

*666. Giani G. S. Musafir: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government invited samples and formulae for suitable colours to be mixed in the vegetable ghee some time during the last five years?

(b) If so, how many such samples and formulae were received by Government?

(c) Was any of them approved?

(d) If so, how was the originator rewarded?

(e) What has been the main reason to drop the idea?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

VEGETABLE Ghee

*667. Giani G. S. Musafir: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state where does the question of colouring vegetable ghee lie?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): The Committee, appointed by Government to examine the extent of adulteration of ghee with vanaspati and other products and to suggest measures to eliminate or minimise adulteration with vanaspati, has suggested that vanaspati be coloured orange by using carotene oil concentrate as the colouring medium in addition to its latent colourisation with sesame oil. The recommendations of the Committee with regard to colourisation and other matters are under consideration of the Government of India.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member in whose name the question No. 669 stands is not present in the House.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may please make sure!

Vanaspati

*669. Pandit M. B. Bhargava: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India appointed a Committee to inquire into the ways and means whereby a consumer may be able to easily detect and differentiate between genuine ghee and hydrogenated oil, and to prevent the adulteration and admixture of the said oil with genuine ghee;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and what are its main recommendations; and

(c) what steps the Government of India has taken or contemplate to take by way of colourization of the vegetable oil or otherwise to prevent its adulteration with genuine ghee?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The Committee submitted its report to the Government on the 15th May, 1952. Its main recommendations are:—