

**National Policy on Public Distribution System**

\*276 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public distribution has expressed serious concern over the "unduly long period" taken by the Government in deciding the National Policy on the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, whether the Government have decided upon a National Policy in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken on the observations made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c) : The Standing Committee of Parliament on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution have in their Eighth Report made the following observation:-

"The Committee note with concern that the Government has taken unduly long period in deciding the question of changes in the Public Distribution System as a National Policy".

The Committee of Ministers on the "National Policy on Public Distribution System (PDS)" in their report, observed that in a country as large and diverse as India, a rigidly uniform system of PDS cannot be implemented. The Advisory Council on Public Distribution System recommended further discussions with State Governments on the Report of Committee of Ministers, in the forum of the National Development Council. Central Government had decided to refer the matter, in the first instance, to a Group of Ministers. The Standing Committee of Parliament had observed in their Eighth Report that the Group of Ministers had not been constituted so far. The Group of Ministers has since been constituted.

[Translation]

**Export of Milk and Dairy Products**

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SHRI S.S.R. RAJENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is surplus production of liquid milk in the country during the past six months;

(b) whether there is any ban on the export of liquid milk and other dairy products to the foreign countries;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering to lift the ban for the export of dairy products to earn foreign exchange; and

(d) if there is no such ban the total quantity of milk and other dairy products exported and the foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : (a) The milk production statistics in the country are compiled on annual basis. Total milk production in the country during the year 1994-95 is provisionally estimated to be 63.5 million tonnes against 60.2 million tonnes in 1993-94.

(b) and (c). Under the existing EXIM Policy, there is no ban on the export of liquid milk and other dairy products. However, export of milk, baby milk and sterilised liquid milk is subject to export licensing. Export of Powder Milk (Skimmed or full cream) whole and infant milk food, pure milk ghee and butter is subject to quantitative ceilings as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time and issuance of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

(d) A statement indicating the quantity of milk and milk products exported during the last three years and their value is given in the attached statement.

## STATEMENT

(Quantity in Kg  
Value in Rupees)

| COUNTRY                | 1991-92        |                  | 1992-93        |                 | 1993-94        |                  |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
|                        | QUANTITY       | VALUE            | QUANTITY       | VALUE           | QUANTITY       | VALUE            |
| BANGLADESH             | 1561796        | 59820524         | 140536         | 9257617         | 777447         | 40984334         |
| U.A.E.                 | 736924         | 34019364         | 356133         | 31924408        | 498881         | 32947486         |
| RUSSIA                 | ----           | ----             | 386660         | 23748774        | 197568         | 13043235         |
| SRI LANKA              | 125980         | 4197000          | ----           | ----            | 251625         | 10026952         |
| BAHRAIN                | 28000          | 2679115          | 40740          | 3957658         | 63113          | 5955799          |
| NEPAL                  | 130856         | 7353365          | 38038          | 2227340         | 78436          | 5143918          |
| KUWAIT                 | ----           | ----             | 12000          | 1317087         | 50000          | 4932253          |
| U.S.A                  | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 74485          | 447508           |
| NIGERIA                | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 66884          | 4036732          |
| MAURITIUS              | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 23400          | 1370959          |
| NETHERLANDS            | 2              | 200              | ----           | ----            | 10000          | 447822           |
| GERMANY                | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 2071           | 376000           |
| SINGAPORE              | 300            | 11313            | 10062          | 1469388         | 3000           | 224094           |
| PHILIPPINES            | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 2040           | 207320           |
| HONG KONG              | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 2400           | 173899           |
| MEXICO                 | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 660            | 150980           |
| VIETNAM                | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 2040           | 148636           |
| CANADA                 | 1015           | 34288            | 560            | 21996           | 1960           | 81875            |
| REUNION                | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 255            | 12855            |
| JORDAN                 | ----           | ----             | ----           | ----            | 90             | 4089             |
| OMAN                   | 24989          | 2111188          | 78900          | 8212982         | 50             | 2000             |
| AFGHANISTAN            | 2600           | 87000            | 4800           | 375000          | ----           | ----             |
| AUSTRALIA              | 2200           | 173411           | 4757           | 210287          | ----           | ----             |
| BHUTAN                 | 7989           | 950337           | ----           | ----            | ----           | ----             |
| U.K.                   | 12440          | 489294           | 35             | 1725            | ----           | ----             |
| LAO PEP.DEM.RET.       | ----           | ----             | 8000           | 72599           | ----           | ----             |
| MALDIVES               | ----           | ----             | 275            | 27000           | ----           | ----             |
| QATAR                  | 5451           | 181247           | ----           | ----            | ----           | ----             |
| SAUDI ARABIA           | ---            | ----             | 1191           | 65207           | ----           | ----             |
| SOMALIA                | 3000           | 334850           | ----           | ----            | ----           | ----             |
| SWITZERLAND            | ----           | ----             | 8404           | 450200          | ----           | ----             |
| SEYCHELLES             | ----           | ----             | 2238           | 344672          | ----           | ----             |
| <b>SUB GROUP TOTAL</b> | <b>2643542</b> | <b>112442496</b> | <b>1093329</b> | <b>83683940</b> | <b>2105905</b> | <b>124746309</b> |