

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** In regard to agricultural production Food and Agriculture Ministry is responsible. The plan target is 100 million tons and what I have stated is about 80 million tons.

**Shri Tyagi:** I want commoditywise details.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is contained in other publications, I would not allow them to be read here.

**Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Has the Government any plan for apportioning the production of various kinds of agricultural commodities according to the soil and climatic conditions; or, keeping in view the overall shortage of foodgrains, do they feel that each region and each area should be made self-sufficient in foodgrains alone?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** As I said in the beginning, taking for instance, paddy production, we shall have to concentrate in regard to the stepping up of the production of paddy only in that type of land where paddy can be profitable grown; so is the case with wheat and other products. We will specialise more and more in that field.

**Shrimati Renuka Ray:** What about cotton?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Next question.

#### Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee

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\*335. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
Shri Daji:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

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

(a) whether a decision to set up an Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee has since been arrived at; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). No decision has been arrived at on the question of setting up an Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** इस कमेटी को कब तक कायम करने का ख्याल है ।

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** एक बार पहले इस पर विचार किया गया था । दो बार यह मीटर कैबिनेट में गया और चूँकि कुछ कारणों से वहाँ इस पर तसफिया न हो सका, इसलिये इस वक्त फिर इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है और इस को जल्दी कायम किया जायेगा ।

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** किसानों से जो आधे दामों पर गल्ला खरीदकर फिर दुगने दामों पर बेचा जाता है, क्या इस पर विचार करने के लिये भी इस कमेटी में कोई प्राविजन रखा गया है ? क्या सरकार के ख्याल में यह कमेटी इस की भी देखभाल करेगी ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** पहले कमेटी तो बनने दीजिये ।

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** जब यह कमेटी बनेगी, तभी इस के बारे में सही उत्तर मैं दे सकूँगा । अभी यह मसिति नहीं बनी है ।

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether the Government think it desirable to set up this Committee as early as possible so as to ensure a minimum price for agricultural produce in the country?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Yes, Sir. We shall expedite it.

#### Import of Steel for Railways

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\*336. { Shri Umanath:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Mohindra & Mohindra Ltd., Calcutta